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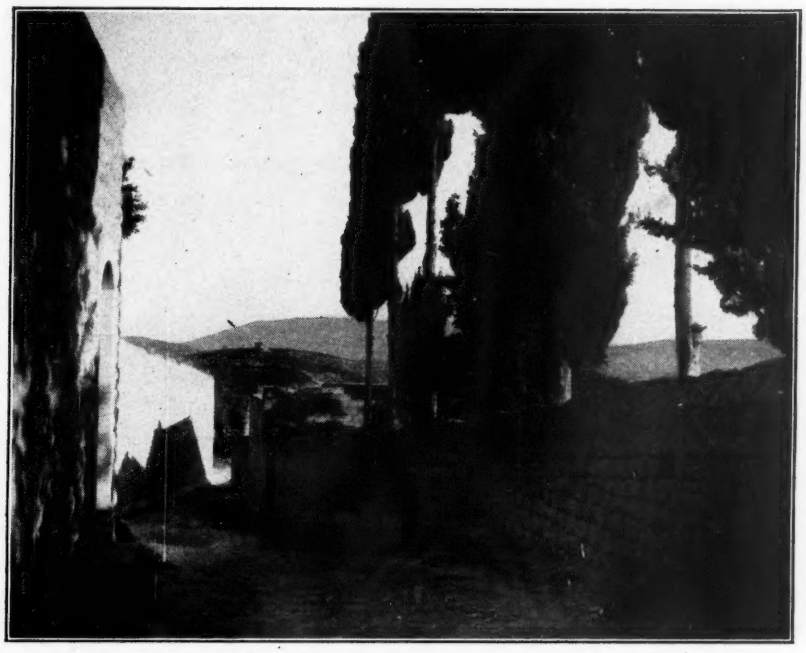
Christ's Road In Sunny Nazareth



◆ Many events in the earth-life of Jesus Christ centered around the ancient city of Nazareth. The quiet rock-paved highway shown above, is known as "Christ's Road". Tradition says this was the Master's favorite walk, when as a boy, he labored in his father's carpenter shop. The road is in reality a caravan trail, over which traffic has passed for hundreds of years, in an almost ceaseless procession. Shortly after this photograph was made, the stillness of the evening was broken by the jingling of camel bells and the shouting of an Arab caravan master, leaving Nazareth for Mount Carmel and Haifa .... The second chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel tells of Joseph returning to the Holy Land from Egypt, bringing Mary and Jesus with him. "An angel appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt... And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene." Several of Christ's childhood years were spent here. Later, during His ministry, He grieved because "no mighty works" could be performed in Nazareth due to the unbelief of the people.

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A News-Writer Visits Defenders Headquarters

. . . By Hugh Hayes

THE first thing the stranger sees, as he opens the front door at the Wichita Headquarters of the Defenders Movement, is a long banner, suspended from the ceiling, bearing the following words printed in red and green letters — *The Gospel Must Be Published Among All Nations.*

Emphasis on the word *Published!*

One needs only to be around the office a short time, to discover that this quotation from Scripture, is decidedly more than a slogan. It is the premise upon which is based, what is perhaps the most militant Christian enterprise of the twentieth century — the International Defenders of the Christian Faith.

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, the founder and head of this thriving organization, has been dubbed "a radical conservative". Which is another way for saying that he often uses methods that are different — wholly different from recognized routine — in defending the old truths upon which the fathers built Christianity and Christian civilization.

Mutilating the Scriptures

This attitude on the part of the Leader sharply contrasts that of the Old Testament king, reported in the thirty-sixth chapter of Jeremiah. The vigorous editorial policy of *The Defender Magazine* has always been to "declare the whole counsel of God".

In Modernistic circles, Dr. Winrod is declared to be "Public Enemy No. 1." Parlor pink preachers, so-called, whose activities have been exposed by this thundering theologian, thoroughly dislike him. However, there is no love lost. He has on many occasions expressed his disapproval of Ministers, supposedly of the Gospel, who prostitute the Great Commission, by indoctrinating their congregations in Marxism.

As this writer called at the Wichita Headquarters and sat across the desk from one of the most talked of men in our generation, his mind went back to the record of king Jehoiakim and the prophet Jehudi.

". . . So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month; and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth."

The paper to which the above Scripture relates consisted of an ancient scroll, a sacred record, or Bible. Made of a parchment roll, a stick was attached at one end, around which it was rolled and unrolled in order to read the contents. The text was not written in lines across from one end to the other, but in compartments or columns, so that only a small portion need be unrolled at a time.

Jehoiakim took decided aversion to certain parts, as his servant read to him. It was not pleasing to his ears. Whereupon, he slit the roll with his penknife and burned it in the fireplace.

Dr. Winrod has openly charged high-ranking "prelates" of the FCC (Federal Council of Churches) with using penknives on the Bible. In fact, the whole set-up of the FCC is anti-Christ, he has asserted in his writings and public addresses. New Dealers have not escaped his righteous and patriotic wrath. He has accused them, also, of using penknives on the Constitution of the United States. The Kansas editor played an important role in the ignominious defeat of the Court Packing Plan.

To the consternation of his royal colleagues and displeasure of Almighty God, the king ruthlessly destroyed the scroll. Modernist thinkers who slash the Scriptures, not with penknives but with higher criticism, place themselves in the same category as the king.

Editorial courage is frequently unpopular with the mob. It demands a stout heart, fearless and resolute determination to stand out like a "voice crying in the wilderness", and thunder against social, moral and political evils. The Defender Editor, in declaring the truth, has naturally aroused opposition in some quarters.

Prophecy and Politics

Jeremiah was known as the weeping prophet. He wept because of the social and political decay of his generation. Whether or not it may be conceded, a discussion of prophecy cannot be fully comprehended without a discussion of political events. In fact, it cannot be comprehended at all. Old Testament prophets were always close to the hub of their governments. Even a shallow dip into prophecy, shows that an intimate connection exists between it and politics.

Prophetic utterances invariably describe future events among nations, along the march of the centuries. Men and governments are the prime factors. It is the belief of many Christians today that prophecies foretold centuries past, have reached and are reaching culmination, through political leaders and nations of the 20th century. *No one has ever succeeded in separating prophecy from politics!*

Old Testament prophets were men high in politics. They talked their politics as frequently as they discussed moral and religious issues. Moral reforms in governmental life have always had a small beginning. Sometimes, it is merely "a voice crying in the wilderness".

It would probably be a matter of keen interest to all readers of *The Defender Magazine* to visit the General Headquarters and observe first-hand, the beehive-like activity of the corps of office workers and, likely as not, gain entrance to the inner sanctum, and sit across the desk, for a personal chat with the Editor and Leader of the Movement.

The writer must confess his interest sprouted into consuming curiosity as he moved from place to place through the offices. He, however, is not alone in this. Every soldier who is serving in this militant army of Christian Defenders is gripped with a desire to be summoned to the G.H.Q. Readers who have been in weekly or monthly contact with Headquarters, through the medium of Defender literature, have often wondered:

"What sort of a man is Winrod?" "With whom does he surround himself as co-workers?" "What is the Headquarters like?"

The Hub or G.H.Q. of the International Defenders is located in the State of Kansas. This is as it should be, for Kansas is situated in the geographical center of the United States. The Sun-

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A Special Opportunity To Serve

Publishers usually print a few extra copies of all issues of their magazines, to be held back for use in filling special orders. We have on our shelves a limited accumulation of 1938 issues which should be placed in immediate circulation. Some of the most important articles ever published in Defender columns will be found in these Papers. We will deliver them to your home at 1 CENT per copy, while the supply lasts. Order at least 25 for immediate distribution among friends and neighbors.

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Destruction Of Jewish Capitalistic Control Clearly Prophesied

Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

THE book of James is a message written primarily to Jews. Much of the epistle is prophetical and relates to "the last days".

James recognized the great body of Jews as being in an unbelieving state, but within their midst he saw a little flock who loved Messiah's name. It has always been so. In every period of apostasy and rebellion against God, there has been a faithful *remnant.*

The prophet Jeremiah anticipated the fact of Jewish dispersion and the effect that it would have upon the nations of the world: "I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be A REPROACH AND A PROVERB, A TAUNT AND A CURSE, in all places."

International Jewish Capitalism and international Jewish Communism have brought about the fulfillment of this prophecy — "a proverb, a taunt, a curse". But while apostate Jewry is bringing a "curse" upon the nations, the prophecies make provision for a small group, a *remnant,* who will enjoy the blessings of Divine Grace.

Hence the statement of the Apostle Paul in Romans 9:27, "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a *remnant* shall be saved".

Some Bible-believing Christians have become confused at this point. They entertain a nebulous idea of *racial salvation* for the Jew. This erroneous interpretation of the Scriptures, leads to the conclusion that nothing must be done to stay the hand of archfiends, who are carrying on an anti-Christ campaign of world-wide proportions, simply because they are Jews.

LET the following facts be settled in the thinking of every Christian whose mind is not beclouded with prejudice.

The idea of "racial salvation" is a myth. The prayer of the Jews, "His blood be on us and on our children", is being answered. When a nation yields to Jewish control, as in the case of Russia, it comes under the "curse" disclosed in Jeremiah 24:19. A Jew to be saved — to become a member of the *remnant,* must travel the same road as a Gentile; he must repent of his sins and accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. No future blessings are promised to Jews on racial grounds. Colossians 3:11, "There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all."

James addressed himself to the "twelve tribes which are scattered abroad". He wrote to two groups of Jews — *(1)* the anti-Christ masters of the race, and *(2)* the handful of believers comprising the *remnant.* He wrote to those living in his day; and looking down the vista of the centuries, he also penned a prophetic message for generations to come.

The last chapter of his book was intended for Jews who would be living in the end-time of the Christian dispensation, "the last days".

In six verses, he describes the breakdown of international Jewish Capitalism, exactly as we see it taking place today.

Verses 1 and 2,

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten".

In the East, it was a custom to invest money in costly wearing apparel and valuable garments. These, when laid in chests, were frequently at the mercy of moths.

Verse 3,

"Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for *the last days*".

The "Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary" injects the following comment at this point: "St. James intends this address to RICH JEWISH UNBELIEVERS, not so much for themselves, as for the saints, that they may bear with patience the violence of the rich (Jews), knowing that God will speedily avenge them on their oppressors".

The word *cankered* means "rusted through". The above authority interprets "shall eat your flesh" as meaning, that as rust eats riches, so also, under the judgment of God, the consciences of those responsible for the brutality of international Jewish Capitalistic control, shall likewise be gnawed. The word "fire" conveys the idea that final punishment is scheduled to come upon them in "the last days", not only by the slow process of rusting, but with the swiftness of consuming fire.

Verses 5 and 6,

"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter."

The "Student's Commentary" draws a discrimination between anti-Christ Jewry and the *remnant,* then makes the following comment on the foregoing passage: "As an ox greedily eats the rich herbage on the very day that it is to be slaughtered, so the senseless rich indulged their passions at that time on the very eve of the coming judgment. These conditions will be repeated in the future."

THOSE who manipulate the international *control* at the top, fully realize that their authority is being challenged. This fact is making them desperate. They do not know that frantic efforts put forth to stem the present tide of reaction, is simply a matter of butting their heads against the wall of prophetic destiny.

We may expect them to go to any extremes and resort to any measures, during the months that are just ahead,

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Remember

If you move, be sure to write The Defender, giving both your old and new addresses, so that you will not miss a single issue of the Magazine.

— Editor.

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ITEMS of INTEREST to DEFENDERS

A NEW MAGAZINE

The first issue of the "Defender Missionary Messenger" came from the press December 15, 1938. It will be published regularly, the fifteenth of each month. The following slogan appears on its masthead, "A Militant Magazine with a Missionary Message". A sample copy will be sent free of charge to any one requesting same. Address, Wichita, Kansas. (For further details see Missionary page of this Defender.)

LOUIS P. LOCHNER is head of the Associated Press in Germany. News dispatches from there must have his approval before being released. Lochner has a red biography in Elizabeth Dilling's book, "The Red Network". He was formerly the active manager of Europe's Federated Press, claimed by the Communists as their own news service. The taint of propaganda is constantly noted in press dispatches from abroad.

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MUCH NEWSPAPER space has been devoted to the recent visit of Anthony Eden, ex-foreign secretary in the British Cabinet. Many have asked the "why" of his trip to America at this particular time. The fact that the program committee which invited Mr. Eden to speak before the National Association of Manufacturers also invited Senator O'Mahoney, Commentator Kaltenborn, Dr. Leo Waldman, and Raymond Moley, should in itself answer this query. O'Mahoney advocated strangulation of free enterprise by licensing industry in the last session of Congress, Kaltenborn is regarded as being favorable to the idea of a Socialistic state, Waldman is a left-wing professor at Columbia University, and Moley was formerly Brain Truster No. 1.

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ON DECEMBER 19, the Pastor of a large church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, invited a Jewish Rabbi to address his congregation. Preceding the lecture, the Pastor told his members that, in fairness to the eminent Jew, no reference would be made to the name of Jesus, and that the Choir would refrain from singing hymns dealing with the Blood Atonement. Many Tulsa Christians were shocked that a Pastor would make such a request and referred to the incident as a "betrayal of our Lord".

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SIX DIFFERENT radio stations in New York City recently denied time to Martin Dies, chairman of the Congressional Committee for investigating un-American activities. It has been pointed out that in refusing him an opportunity to speak over the air as head of a Committee legally appointed by Congress, this is tantamount to refusing the United States Congress. The New York stations were WEAF, WABC, WJZ, WOR, WMCA and WHN.

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REV. CHARLES COUGHLIN announced several weeks ago that "Jewish interests" were working behind the scenes to keep him off the air. Certain stations closed their channels to him following his speech of November 20, 1938. Reaction against this form of censorship was swift and vigorous, especially among Catholics who understand the real source from which Communism originates. Stations refusing to carry the Coughlin addresses are being picketed every Sunday afternoon.

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HEADLINES in the New York *Herald-Tribune* read: "Pickets Insist WMCA Resume Coughlin Talks. Shout Against Communists and Jews in 2½ hour Parade. Children Join In". The story fills nearly a column, and is illustrated with a photo of pickets carrying banners of the "Protestant War Veterans" and the "Protestant Chaplains Association". In Philadelphia, at four o'clock every Sunday, 5,000 pickets parade in front of radio station WDAS for refusing to carry the Coughlin messages.

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ONLY DELEGATES regarded as being under the Jewish "control" were allowed to represent the United States at the December Pan-American conference in Lima, Peru. There was friction between the representatives of the various countries from the beginning. The final declaration, suggesting economic cooperation in the Western Hemisphere, had to be revised and modified several times before being accepted.

VOCABULARY SERVICE

This issue of The Defender contains a full-page advertisement on "Vocabulary Service" which will be of special interest to all business and professional people—particularly Ministers. Neither The Defender, nor any person connected with it, has personal or financial interest in this system of study . . . yet the Course bears the endorsement of the Editor, as well as many friends of the Defenders Movement who are in position to know of its real merit. Persons who are interested in methods of self-improvement are urged to write for the booklet "Stepping Out In Front". Those directing "Vocabulary Service" are Christians.

SOME PEOPLE do not understand the true nature of the forces at work behind the meeting at Lima. . . . The international Jewish Money Power set out a few years ago to strangle the German people economically. In order to prevent an explosion from the inside, the Germans turned to South America for raw materials. Jewish manipulations having made German money practically worthless, on the markets of the world, Nazi officials evolved a plan for exchanging manufactured items for raw products. Trade has developed to tremendous proportions between Germany and Latin countries. The Jewish Money Power is now seeking, through U. S. governmental policies, to drive a wedge between Europe and South America.

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ALBERT N. CHAPERAU was indicted on three counts in a U. S. District Court last month — conspiracy, smuggling, faking a passport and fraudulently claiming American citizenship. Also indicted were Mrs. Elma N. Lauer, wife of a New York Supreme Court Justice and George Burns, Jewish movie actor. Shortly before his arrest, Chaperau was guest at a dinner with Justice and Mrs. Lauer, William Weintraub, publisher of *Ken*, and a mysterious Serge Rubenstein of Paris. "I blame it all on Adolf Hitler," was Chaperau's only comment.

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THE "DAILY WORKER", organ of the Communist Party, quotes a statement by William Z. Foster, high-ranking U. S. Red, which reads in part: ". . . One of the Communist Party's important *united front* advances is its practical approach, to the religious question, on a basis long ago laid down by Lenin. In consequence, the anti-religious Communist Party is to be found in close united front cooperation, with dozens of churches and other religious organizations, on questions of political interest to the masses."

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FIORELLA LA GUARDIA, "dictator" of Gotham city, has a long red record as a man of hate. In 1924 he ran for Congress, on the Socialist ticket. He endorsed and sponsored the American Labor Party, extreme leftist political organization which works in close harmony with the Communist Party. In 1933, he, along with Sidney Hillman, Max Zaritsky, Stuart Chase, Morris Ernst, Edward L. Israel and Abraham Lefcowitz, sponsored the call for the "Second American Revolution". These "revolutionists" declared: "Audacious and bold action can save America if radical groups, organizations and leaders will unite on a program of action in common. The road to the left is the road to freedom." This is the man whom William Allen White is now sponsoring for President!

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in attempting to retain the power over the masses of people, which they have ruthlessly exercised for years. But their days are numbered! "Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten".

International Jewish families, like the Rothschilds, undoubtedly tremble as they see their financial empire losing its grip upon the Gentile nations. Mayer Amschel, who rose to power in the eighteenth century, originated this particular banking chain. He was the father of five sons and five daughters. These children established banking units in all the countries of Europe like the tentacles of a gigantic Octopus — directed from one center.

For almost a century and a half, this family has exercised unrestrained *power* through economic control. On December 3, 1933, the *Chicago Evening American* said: "The Rothschilds can start or prevent wars. Their word could make or break empires".

Mary E. Hobart says in her book "The Secret of the Rothschilds": "The House of Rothschild with a few co-religionists conspire to own the world".

Maurice Samuel, a Jewish writer, says in his book "You Gentiles": "We Jews, we, the destroyers, will remain destroyers forever. Nothing that you will do will meet our needs and demands. We will forever destroy because we need a world of our own".

No nation on the face of the earth, except Russia, is more completely dominated by Jewry at the present time, than the United States. This control operates through a vast network reaching to the stage, screen, press, radio, pulpit, radical labor organizations, political parties, and the arteries of finance.

With the establishment of the Federal Reserve System, under the Wilson Administration, the last vestige of Congressional authority over American money was taken away, and given to private interests who have since determined the amount of currency kept in circulation. They regulate the Nation's financial spigot through the expansion and contraction of credit. The Federal Reserve System was a Jewish creation with Paul Warburg, a German Jew, in charge. Colonel E. Mandell House "fronted" for the internationalists.

The United States is probably the richest nation in the world from the standpoint of natural resources. We have plenty of everything we need *except money*. But, under our Jewish-controlled Roosevelt Administration, we find ourselves going millions of dollars deeper into debt, to the international bankers, every passing day. A GREAT CHRISTIAN NATION IS BEING DEBAUCHED!

Mayer Amschel said that he did not care who made the laws of a country so long as he could control its money. The internationalists have always subscribed to this idea.

But, an awakening is taking place. People in all parts of the world are demanding relief from this yoke! Consequently, the foundations of the Jewish financial empire are beginning to tremble. "Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire".

THIS breaking up of Jewish Capitalistic control, has in it horrible possibilities. It can easily lead to war *between* nations, and revolutions *within* nations. The masters of finance will not yield without a struggle. Suffering can be greatly lessened, however, by speeding up the chariots of enlightenment. If the masses of people can be made to understand the true causes behind their misery, there will be less danger of bloodshed through the release of lying propaganda by controlled press and radio.

I talked with a well-known Russian last week, who told me that the rank and file of people refused at first to take the Jewish propagandists seriously, when they began clamoring, a quarter of a century ago, for the overthrow of his Country.

"The more thoughtful and educated people, with whom I mingled, knew that the reds were pouring out streams of crazy falsehoods", he said. "We were inclined to treat them with indifference because we did not think that such lies could ever take root. But they *did* take root! I am witnessing a similar situation in the United States now. Millions of people *are believing* the propaganda which is pouring into their homes by press and radio."

Another reaction which is contributing to the fulfillment of James' prophecy, is the widespread revulsion resulting from the knowledge that international Communism is rooted in international Jewish Capitalism.

Reverend Charles E. Coughlin referred to this matter in a radio broadcast of November 20, 1938: "In our possession we have a copy of the official *White Paper* issued by the English War Cabinet in 1919. This official paper prints the names of the Jewish bankers, Kuhn, Loeb and Company of New York City, among those who helped to finance the Russian Revolution."

The *Jewish Chronicle* of April 4, 1919, said: "There is much in the fact

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PROPHECY PROSPECTS

In the first three months of 1939 the Editor of

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plans to write six interesting articles on prophecy, as follows:

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. . . The Quiet Hour . . .

"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be QUIET from fear of evil."

Proverbs 1:33

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour, Cherryville, N. C.

The President of The United States

The man who heads our Government
Should be a man of might,
A man whom God has called and sent
To lead and rule us right;
A man who loves our nation's flag,
Our country and our laws,
Who's not content to see us lag
And lose sweet Freedom's cause.

He ought to love our people much
And be a man of truth;
Intoxicants he should not touch,
But warn our noble youth
Against degrading beer and wine,
And liquor's curse and blight,
And show that only what's Divine
Can lead and guide us right.

His life should be an index great
That points to things sublime,
And proves to us our only fate
Is sin and waste of time;
Then leading upward he should find
A mighty, mighty throng
Were in his footsteps just behind
Singing the victor's song.

He ought to be a living gem
Of princely truth and right,
And prove his crowning diadem
Is not to gain the height
Of President, with pow'r to rule,
And fame that soon shall fade,
But that to teach us in life's school
How character is made.

He ought to have communion sweet
With God from day to day;
The Word of God should be his meat
Along his toilsome way;
And he should show that right alone
Can win the final race,
And bringing us to the crowning throne
Where we shall see God's face.

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of Bolshevism itself, in the fact that so many Jews are Bolshevicks. The ideals of Bolshevism are consonant with many of the highest ideals of Judaism."

The *American Hebrew* of September 20, 1920, said: "What Jewish idealism and Jewish discontent have so powerfully contributed to accomplish in Russia, the same historic qualities of the Jewish mind and heart are tending to promote in other countries".

M. Hermalin, a Jew, speaking in New York in 1917, said: "The Russian revolution was made by the Jews. We have created secret societies, planned the reign of terror. The revolution succeeded by our convincing propaganda and our mass assassinations in order to form a government truly ours."

September, 1918, found conditions unsettled in Russia and the British government without representation in Petrograd. Official business was being handled by Mr. Oudendyk, representative for the Netherlands. On September 6, 1918, M. Oudendyk issued a report which was received by the Balfour government in London, September 18, 1918. It contained the following factual statement:

"I consider that the immediate suppression of Bolshevism is the greatest issue now before the world, not even excluding the war which is still raging, and unless, as above stated, Bolshevism is nipped in the bud immediately, it is bound to spread in one form or another over Europe and the whole world, as it is *organized and worked by Jews who have no nationality, and whose one object is to destroy for their own ends the existing order of things*".

COMMUNISM is the most vicious form of Capitalism the world has ever known. It is responsible for the deaths of millions of Christians. It has reduced 160-million Russia Gentiles to a state of slavery. It is the greatest enemy of labor on the face of the earth. It proposes to blot orderly government, and all standards of morality, out of existence.

The nations are indebted to Jewish Communism for both Fascism and Nazism. Italy was first Communist, then Fascist. Germany was first Communist, then Nazi. The foundation of subversion must be destroyed in America by a smashing blow to Communism. Since Communism is the parent of other "isms", its destruction will mean the preservation of representative government in this part of the world.

Germany is regarded as the Country, where the reaction against Communism is the strongest. An objective analysis shows that the German people could not have hoped to free their homes, churches, schools and institutions from the Red menace, without also breaking through the web of Jewish Capitalism which had been created around them.

Necessity is the mother of Invention, so they established an economic system peculiarly their own, divorced from the international Jewish banking fraternity. *This fact sent a chill over the internationalists.*

The Russian to whom I referred above, says that he found it difficult to understand why the recent breaking of shop windows in Germany should have produced such an unprecedented furore through press and radio, while the slaughter of millions of Christians in his native Country, fails to arouse the least bit of indignation. He says that he finally came to the conclusion that some *weightier reason* existed for recent widespread attempts to create animosity toward the German people.

"Hatred for the Germans is being produced," says this Christian exile from Russia, "because they have thrown off the shackles of Jewish banking and set up an economic system which is genuinely Gentile. If they are successful in carrying out this plan, try to imagine what it will mean to the international bankers who have ruled governments, produced revolutions, manipulated depressions and invented wars, according to their likes and dislikes, for so many hundreds of years."

During the Christmas season just passed, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mayer of Lubeck, Germany, were visitors in Wichita. Mrs. Mayer's father is the president of one of the largest banks in the State of Kansas.

In the course of a newspaper interview, as reported through the *Wichita Eagle*, Mr. Mayer was quoted as saying: "Everyone works in our Country. There is no such thing as unemployment. In fact, we cannot get enough workers. Thousands of Hollanders come into the Country every month to find work in the northern part. Italians come in from the South. *Germany is independent of all other nations economically.*"

Mrs. Mayer remarked: "What impresses me most is the great need of workers in Germany. Newspapers are full of advertisements asking for workers."

The Jewish Money Power has never before been faced with the kind of opposition it is encountering today. Its plight is undoubtedly prophetic. The above remarks about German economics are given here, solely as an illustration of how the prophecy of St. James is being fulfilled. No defense of the Nazi philosophy of government is intended. Americans want but one governmental *ism* . . . and that is Americanism!

Propaganda will continue, attempts will be made to instigate wars and revolutions, every possible scheme will be employed to prolong control through the power of the purse, but eventually, the international racial empire will collapse. Their financial system is destined to be destroyed . . . according to the prophecy of St. James.

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten."

THE NEW "Sunday School Stamp Book Plan", first introduced by the Hough Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, averages a 20 per cent increase in Sunday School attendance, wherever used. Mr. C. H. Rundell, 440 Hanna Building, Cleveland, is promoting the plan as a means of Christian service. He will be glad to answer inquiries from Defender Readers.

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IN DEFERENCE to Jewish citizens who objected to the singing of Christian Christmas carols, the board of education at Mt. Vernon, N. J., put a ban on "Holy Night", "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "Little Town of Bethlehem" last month. New York press reports tell of vigorous protests against the ruling, on the part of Protestant Ministers and Catholic Priests.

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God's Plan For 1939

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WHAT will 1939 bring forth? Will this be a year of peace or will the world be plunged into a war that will threaten the very existence of civilization?

Will this be a year of prosperity or will poverty and unemployment increase? Will America survive the schemes of Satan and his emissaries or will our streets run red with the blood of revolution?

What new dictator will appear upon the world's horizon in 1939? Which kings are going to be dethroned? What democracies are going to crumble and collapse?

How will Christianity fare in 1939? Will churches be burned as in Russia and Spain? Will Bibles be destroyed? Will Christians be martyred for their testimony? Will they become chattels of the state, shackled by the chains of a godless dictatorship?

What major catastrophies will characterize 1939? Will cities collapse under the destructive force of earthquakes? Will floods make multitudes homeless? Will droughts and dust storms bring famine to many? Will pestilence take its toll? Will meteoric activity terrify multitudes? Will tornadoes roar across the plains and typhoons disturb the seas?

All of these things may be expected during the end of the present age. "Ye shall hear of wars and commotions. . . And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sight and great signs shall there be from heaven" (Luke 21:9-11).

Time

TIME will tell what 1939 will bring forth among the nations. But there is a question of infinitely greater importance and that is, "What will you do with your time during the coming year?"

What will you accomplish that is worth while? Will you squander your time for selfish purposes or will you invest it in the Lord's service?

Will you aimlessly while away the hours doing nothing constructive? Will you waste your time in godless places of amusement? Will you spend hours in the pool hall or at the bridge table? Will you warp your mind by reading trashy novels?

Will you spend the major portion of a day sitting by the radio listening to fiction, or the announcements of sports events, when you should be occupying your mind with something useful? Will you paralyze your mind and ossify your heart with nicotine? Will you destroy your body and soul with liquor? Will you waste the time of others by idle chatter or gossip? Will you be any more useful to your employer, to the world, or to God, a year from now, or will you be in the same rut?

These are pertinent questions and your answer to them may determine whether your life will be worth while in 1939.

The most valuable things in life are free. Time is one of our priceless possessions. Everyone has it! The man of wealth has no more of it than the pauper. The private citizen has as much of it as the prince. The illiterate have it. The cultured have it. It is infinitely more valuable than money, yet many people waste several hours a day, while they would not think of throwing away several dollars a day.

We are crossing the threshold of a new year. Christians should look back upon 1938 and try to see wherein they might have better served their Master.

On the other hand, 1939 must be faced as a year which is sure to be fraught with dangers to the Cause of Christ, consequently a year of real challenge to all believers.

Above, the artist has drawn a picture of an old-fashioned "hour glass" — an antiquated instrument for measuring time, also known as a "sand glass".

This timepiece, used in the past, consisted of two pear-shaped bulbs of glass, with a tiny passage between them. A quantity of sand could be enclosed in one of the bulbs, and the size and passage so proportioned that the sand would completely run through from one bulb to the other, in the time desired — an hour or a minute. The inventor of the hour glass is unknown.

In early colonial times, the hour glass was used in churches to regulate the length of sermons. It was used also in log cabin school houses to inform the instructor when it was time to end one class and begin another.

The hour glass reminds us that TIME IS PRECIOUS.

Time and effort invested in constructive Christian work, produces spiritual dividends. Hence the words of Christ Jesus: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal".

Experts estimate that even people who are regularly employed waste from two to four hours a day of what we usually call "spare time". What we do with our spare time often more fully determines our success or failure than what we do during working hours.

No man ever achieved success who did not first recognize the value of time. Abraham Lincoln burned the midnight oil. If he had not, he would have been only one more rail-splitter. Thomas Edison often worked 24, 48 or 60 hours at a stretch, snatching only a few moments sleep during that time. Had he not thus applied himself, he would have probably been just one more railway mail clerk.

Some people clamor for more time for idleness; more time for amusement; more time for play; thinking that this will bring happiness. My contact with men has proved to me that the really happy man is the one who loves to work; the one who takes pride in accomplishment. The more time men have for idleness, the more unhappy, dissatisfied, morose, and disagreeable they become.

Too much time will wreck character more quickly than too much money. It has been truly said that an idle brain is the Devil's workshop. Read the crime statistics of our Country and you will observe that crime has increased in proportion to the increase in time for idleness. Too much idle time eventually brings any nation to the brink of self-destruction.

No man who watches the clock is a success. Liquidate the clock-watchers and you'll abbreviate the bread lines. God has given us six days each week, with an average of twelve hours of daylight, during which time He expects us to be usefully employed.

He has given us one day in seven which we are to give to Him in special service, though we are to serve Him at all times. No nation or individual who followed God's plan in the use of time has ever been a failure.

We would soon solve our national problems if our nation would devote more time to instructing its citizens in the right use of time, instead of devising ways of providing more time for idleness.

God's Plan for Your Life

GOD does nothing without a plan. He is the master Architect of the universe. He had a plan before He spoke the universe into being and tossed the stars into the dome of heaven. He gave Noah a plan for the ark. He gave Moses plans for the tabernacle and its furniture. He has a plan for the ages. He has a plan for the individual.

First of all, God wants everyone to accept His Son as Saviour. He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. When Christ died on Calvary's Cross He tasted death for every man. He can there-

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fore offer a free pardon to everyone. He can say, "Whosoever will may come". This much of God's plan for the life of every individual is clearly stated in the Scriptures.

If you are not a born again believer you are not conforming to God's plan for your life. Your plan is a failure, even though the world may sing your praises.

SUCCESS IS FINDING AND FOLLOWING THE PLAN OF GOD FOR ONE'S LIFE.

The Bible gives many examples of men who followed their own ways in opposition to the plan of God.

Cain went his way. Abel went God's way.

Cain's ambition did not go beyond a temporal city. Abel's reached to the eternal city.

Cain went out from the presence of the Lord. Abel went into the presence of the Lord.

Cain sought earthly glory. Abel sought heavenly glory.

Cain saved his life and lost it. Abel lost his life and saved it.

Cain brought forth a degenerate posterity that cursed the earth. Abel's martyrdom inspired many to follow the Lord.

Cain followed Cain's plan. Abel followed God's plan.

Whose plan are you following?

A Guided Life

AFTER trusting the Lord for salvation we should realize that God has a plan for our lives every moment of the day. The Psalmist says that the very "steps" of a good man are ordered of the Lord. How are we to know just what this plan is?

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16).

The Old Testament gives us a very beautiful illustration of this great spiritual truth. The wilderness Tabernacle represents our body, which is a temporary structure. It eventually will be replaced by a temple, "eternal in the heavens" (II Cor. 5:1).

When the Tabernacle was dedicated, a cloud of heavenly glory and presence filled it. When we are born again, the Holy Spirit takes up his abode in our bodies. "For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (II Cor. 6:16). The cloud represents the Holy Spirit.

"And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle. . . And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, when after that the children of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents. At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents" (Num. 9:15-18).

Just as the cloud guided the children of Israel, so will the Holy Spirit guide us. To find God's plan for our lives, we need only to yield ourselves to the Divine Will and be led of the Spirit. Whenever we are walking in the Spirit we are fulfilling God's plan for us. When we are not walking in the Spirit, we are out of God's plan and working in the energy of the flesh.

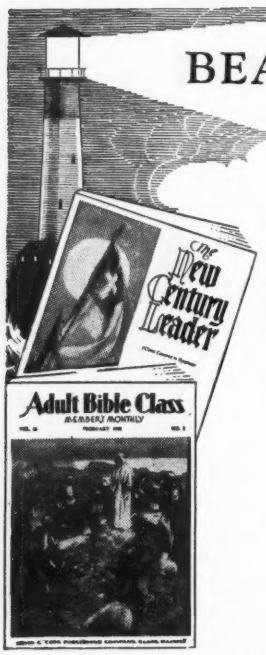
Only that which is done through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit will endure. All else will vanish as chaff from the summer threshing floor. Therefore we should recognize that all of our time belongs to God. None of it should be squandered. Whether we eat or drink, work or play, all should be done for the glory of God.

However menial the service may appear, God will give it proper recognition if it is done for His glory. Even the cup of cold water given in His name will bring a reward. Therefore, at the beginning of this new year, let us yield ourselves unto God and fulfill His purpose for our lives.

We are told that *time passes*. In reality, we pass on and time remains. However, the day will come when time will pass away and be swallowed up by eternity. Time, in the final analysis, is only a segment of eternity.

God's plan is that everyone should spend eternity with Him. All who trust Christ for salvation, have everlasting life and will be eternally secure.

If you are walking with Satan on the broad way that leads to destruction, won't you turn about and walk with God on the celestial highway that leads to the eternal city?



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Correcting a Correction

THE March 1938 Defender carried an inspiring personal testimony by Alejandro Marquez, a former Communist, in which he told of having accepted Christ as his Saviour, through the preaching of Rev. Arthur Pain.

Mr. Marquez had been one of the Communist leaders of Cuba. Rev. Pain a missionary, held a tent revival in Havana. Communist leaders chose Marquez to kill Rev. Pain and burn

the tent. Marquez came to a meeting armed, tried to shoot Rev. Pain publicly, fell over unconscious, was miraculously converted, is now an evangelist, toured the United States with Rev. Pain last year, holding meetings in many cities.

This was the gist of the March article, which was accompanied by a photograph of Rev. Pain, Evangelist Marquez and Dr. Winrod, taken in Wichita.

In May, the *Moody Bible Institute Monthly* related the story as published in The Defender. . . .

Readers of The Defender, especially those who are interested in Rev. Pain's missionary labors, were surprised to read "A Correction" in the Moody journal for December which said: "We are asked to state that the tent service was not conducted by Rev. Arthur E. N. Pain . . . and not held in connection with the Cuban Evangelization Association, as was reported in the article referred to."

The "Cuban Evangelization Association" was not mentioned in the Defender article!

On December 10, 1938 Defenders Headquarters wrote the *Moody Monthly:* "Mr. Marquez was in Wichita last February as Dr. Winrod's guest. He was with Evangelist Arthur W. Pain at the time. We personally heard Mr. Marquez give his testimony at a public meeting exactly as reported in The Defender. In fact, before these two Cuban Evangelists left the city, they wrote the foregoing article at our office.

"You may be sure that Reverend Arthur W. Pain did lead this Cuban Communist to Christ exactly as stated in the article.

"What do you desire in the way of proof to confirm the above statement, in order to warrant another editorial in your columns correcting the charge that The Defender article was false? We respectfully request a further correction."

Then followed an exchange of letters, in which Mr. William H. Hockman of the *Moody Monthly* said that the confusion resulted from the fact another Mr. Pain, now deceased, had mentioned in a letter that the conversion of Mr. Marquez did not occur in *his* meeting.

So, the article appearing in the March 1938 Defender stands as factual in every respect.

The Defender is satisfied from Mr. Hockman's letters that no reflection as to the veracity of the narrative was intended.

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The Underground City of King Og

Joseph P. Free, Professor of Bible Archaeology, Wheaton College

ONE afternoon last summer, I crawled through a small hole which was only about fifteen inches high, and found myself in a place so dark that I could not even see my hands as I passed them before my face.

It reminded me of Milton's description of Hades where there was "darkness visible". This darkness was also so murky that it could almost be felt. What lay ahead? I did not know.

I was entering the underground city which lay beneath the principal metropolis of King Og (Nu. 21:33). This capital city of King Og was called Edrei in Bible times, and in the 3300 years which have elapsed since the time of Moses and Joshua, the name has changed only slightly. It is now called Dera.

Dera is located in a remote section of the Near East, being some seventy miles south of Damascus and about thirty miles east of the Sea of Galilee. It is well outside of present-day Palestine, in a district rarely visited by travellers.

The natives of Dera say that this underground city runs for miles beneath the volcanic terrain of the district, perhaps for 20 miles or more. Just how far it does go, we do not know. Few explorers of the Bible lands even mention the city, and invariably those few who have been to Dera tell of turning back long before they have reached the end of this subterranean maze.

William Wright, in his book "Palmyra and Zenobia", makes a statement typical of those who have had to give up: "I explored some of the passages, but as the work was both dirty and dangerous, and as I had no change of garments with me, I thought it better to be content . . . till such times as the Palestine Exploration Fund could take up a thorough investigation of the underground city." Incidentally, the Palestine Exploration Fund has never taken up this exploration which Wright suggests.

My companion was Mr. Paul Fried, the son of missionaries who had at one time ministered in this outlying place. Here we were, then, entering this city which is practically unknown. The present entrance, one much larger, was now filled up until it was the size of a man-hole which had been cut in half.

It opened off from a large depression in the ground, about as insignificant as a gopher-hole. Once through this small opening, we waited for our eyes to become accustomed to the darkness. After a few minutes, it seemed darker than ever, so we groped our way along, using our flashlight from time to time, as we had to conserve the electricity in the weak battery.

Presently I felt a stone slab, which seemed to bar my path. By turning the light upon it, I perceived that it was a solid stone door, over three feet wide, and just high enough that we had to stoop to go through the opening. The door was six or eight inches thick and weighed several hundred pounds. Some native boys must have put little pebbles into the socket hinge of the door, but in spite of this, we could swing the weighty portal on its hinges.

WE PULLED the door open, and Paul and I crawled through. The rays of the flashlight revealed a fairly

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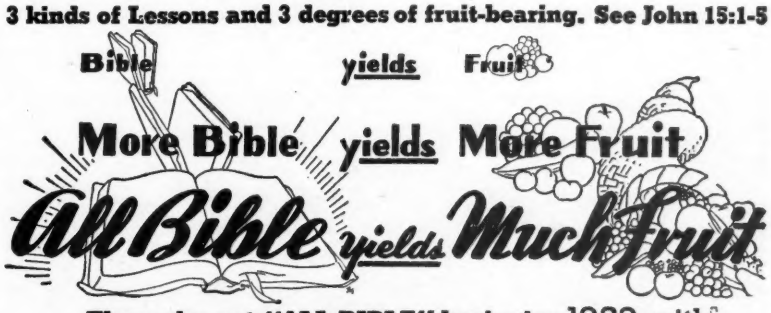
3 kinds of Lessons and 3 degrees of fruit-bearing. See John 15:1-5



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large room with a high ceiling. Several passages led out of it. We took the passage to the extreme left and followed it, coming out into another room about the size of the average living room in an American home. More than one passage led from this room, and so again choosing the exit at the extreme left, we followed on into another room. We continued this for some time, through room after room. Finally we retraced our steps and ended up at the first chamber where we had started. Then choosing the passage at the right, we followed it, going from room to room, always keeping to the right.

The underground city unfolded itself before our eyes. We, like others who have gone in, could not go as far as we would have liked. But all who enter are agreed that it is rightly called an "underground city". There is not only one succession of rooms after another, but also apartments, houses, market places, stores, and almost every other type of accommodation which we find in cities above the ground.

It has been asked how the people could have a sufficient air supply in an extensive city with only a hole for an entrance. An examination from the inside answered that question for us. We could see air shafts running to the surface of the ground; their entrances at the surface were easily camouflaged with stones in this volcanic region whose soil is thickly dotted with piles of stones.

MOST of the city lies well below the surface of the ground, the average depth being about seventy feet below the ground level. The city seems to have been used as a refuge by the inhabitants of the surface city. They would be well provided with food in their underground storehouses, and as an enemy approached, they could take refuge here, withstanding a siege for an indefinite period, since they had wells which were a constant source of water. They also seem to have tapped the wells which ordinarily were used from the surface.

During the crusades of the twelfth century, Baldwin and his crusaders came through this section. Apparently the local inhabitants had taken refuge in their underground city before the invaders arrived. Being in desperate need of water, Baldwin's men lowered buckets into the surface wells. To their dismay, they pulled up their ropes with no buckets attached. Each successive effort to secure water resulted in the loss of more buckets. Someone below would cut the rope each time a bucket was lowered, and the amazed crusaders were thwarted in their effort to get water. Apparently the crafty dwellers in the underground city were at work.

Each time that we started through a maze of rooms, we carefully followed a set plan, following for instance the second opening to the right, as we went from room to room. This technique was very necessary, as we did not have a ball of twine to let out as we went.

While we were inside, my wife and a missionary's wife waited without. It was with interest and some concern that they watched that hole which led into the underground city. This region has never been too safe. Years ago Dr. J. L. Porter came here to Dera in 1864 and found it necessary to leave almost as soon as he arrived. Of this too brief visit he writes:

"Under the guidance of our host, we went out in the afternoon to inspect the principal buildings of the city. A crowd of fanatical Moslems gathered round, and followed us wherever we went, trying every means to annoy and insult us. We paid no attention to them, and hoped thus to escape worse treatment. Unfortunately our hopes were vain. I was suddenly struck down by a blow of a club while copying an inscription. The crowd then rushed upon us in a body with stones, clubs, swords, and knives. I was separated from my companions, pursued by some fifty or sixty savages, all thirsting for my blood. After some hard struggles, which I cannot look back to even yet without a shudder, I succeeded in reaching our temporary home. Here I found my companions, like myself, severely wounded, and almost faint from loss of blood. Our Druse guard defended the house till midnight, and then, thanks to a merciful Providence, we made our escape from Edrei." (Bashan and Its Giant Cities, pp. 94-95)

Even today it is rumored that brigands use this underground city as a hide-out, and that it is quite unsafe to penetrate very far into the city. It can well be imagined how glad my wife was to see us emerge from the little semi-circular hole sometime after we had disappeared through it.

ONCE more upon the surface of the ground we stood in the midst of Dera, the Edrei of the Bible. Here it was that one of the tallest opponents of Israel had his headquarters. Og, King of Bashan, is known today only because he was defeated by the Israelites.

But in his day, King Og had a claim to fame in his own right. His kingdom consisted of 60 cities, and "All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; besides unwalled towns a great many" (Deut. 3:5).

Critics have doubted that such a kingdom could ever have existed out in the forsaken region east of the Sea of Galilee, but during the last century Dr. Porter examined these cities of Bashan, and describes them fully in his book, "The Giant Cities of Bashan." He writes of them:

"I have more than once entered a *deserted city* in the evening, taken possession of a comfortable house, and spent the night in peace. Many of the houses in the ancient cities of Bashan are perfect, as if only finished yesterday. The walls are sound, the roofs unbroken, the doors, and even the window-shutters in their places. Let not my readers think that I am transcribing a passage from the 'Arabian Nights'. I am relating sober facts; I am simply telling what I have seen, and what I purpose just now more fully to describe. 'But how,' you ask me, 'can we account for the preservation of ordinary dwellings in a land of ruins? If one of our modern English cities were deserted for a millennium, there would scarcely be a fragment of a wall standing. The reply is easy enough. The houses of Bashan are not ordinary houses. Their walls are from five to eight feet thick, built of large squared blocks of basalt; the roofs are formed of slabs of the same material,

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hewn like planks, and reaching from wall to wall; the very doors and window shutters are of stone hung upon pivots projecting above and below. Some of these ancient cities have from two to five hundred houses still perfect, but not a man to dwell in them."

Such are the remains of this land as described by Porter. However, as noted above, Porter had to flee from Dera, and did not enter the underground city in the land of King Og.

KING Og was of the remnant of the giants, and his great height was indicated by his bedstead which was 9 cubits, or about 13½ feet long (Deut. 3:11).

Following the time of King Og, his territory became the possession of the half-tribe of Manasseh, and remained in the territory of the Transjordan country. During the time of Herod Agrippa, a decree was made (A.D. 40) which reveals how the population of that day, in Bashan, lived in caverns and subterranean cities, as a protection against Arab nomads and marauders.

The edict of Herod enjoins the people to come out and cease to dwell as animals in their burrows under the earth. It is interesting to note that this underground city still stands, illustrating the reason for Herod's injunction.

In the seventh century A.D., this territory came under the domination of the Arabs in their conquest of the Mediterranean world, under whose control it remained for more than 1200 years, until the days of the World War.

Of all of the events which occurred in this land of Bashan, the Bible gives us the most interesting chapter in its history. For forty years Israel had wandered in the wilderness. The giving of the law at Sinai, the sending of the spies into the promised land, and the other experience at Kadesh-Barnea were all past.

The older unbelieving generation had died off, and Moses had led the children of Israel up into the territory across the Jordan from Palestine, now known as Transjordania, and referred to in most Bible maps as Gilead and Bashan. One of the last enemies to be defeated before the death of Moses and the entering into the promised land was this Og, King of Bashan. Moses relates the course of their victorious path:

"Then we turned, and went up the way of Bashan; and Og the King of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. And the Lord said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon, King of the Amorites which dwelt at Heshbon. So the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many . And we utterly destroyed them. . . ." (Deut. 3:1-6)

If Og had at his command this underground city at Edrei, why did he not use it, and thus frustrate the invasion of Israel? The Bible gives us the answer. "Og the King of Bashan came *out* against us."

This great giant with his cohorts did not remain within their city, but came *out* to meet Israel in the plain near the city. These people of Bashan seemed to be guilty of over-confidence. Feeling no fear, they approached Israel, leaving their city behind. But they did not reckon with a power that was greater than man, for "the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og".

TODAY the underground city in the land of King Og stands as a silent witness to a great civilization of the past. The giants who once dwelt in the land of Bashan are gone. Israel overcame them and went on into the land of rest.

Even so the believer today faces giants in the spiritual realm, for "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

But, as in the day of Moses when "the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og," even so today we know that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think", for "if God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

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The Little Brown Church

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IT has been eighty-two years since Dr. William S. Pitts wrote his immortal song, "The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood".

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Accompanying this article is a photograph of the original Little Brown Church in the Wildwood, located near Bradford, Iowa from which Dr. Pitts received the inspiration for his song. Literally hewn out of wildwoods, the Church still stands today. For a half-century, this simple rural place of worship, "no lovelier place in the dale", has been a "Mecca" for pilgrimages of Christian saints.

The Little Brown Church has been made famous by Dr. Pitts' hymnal. However, the colorful background of the Church is itself a rich story. Its significance and interest equals that of the famous Church in Scotland, Wee Kirk O' the Heather.

It is only of late years that the history of the Little Brown Church and consequently the song, which are essentially interwoven, have been brought to light. Three years were required to ferret out this most interesting data. When pieced together, it presents a profoundly emotional story, which warms the heart and thrills the soul.

Woven into this historical account, is the narrative of a young country doctor, a zealous, Congregational Minister, and a group of Iowa settlers, who were resolutely determined that the wild rugged forest would yield an edifice in which they could worship God.

The story begins in 1855, when one Dr. O. Littlefield began a revival meeting in and around the Iowa town of Bradford, in Chickasaw county. In log-cabins and school houses, abandoned stores, and in one instance a lawyer's office, Littlefield, with fiery eloquence, preached the "power of the Gospel to save".

A spiritual conflagration swept the country side. A small group of farmers, mostly of Danish decent, were deeply moved. This was the group which subsequently became the spiritual body, around which was constructed a framework of rough, brown lumber — the physical edifice that was to become world-famous as the Little Brown Church in the Wildwood.

Of the many converts, one was a country doctor who maintained a small practice in the town of Fredricksburg, Iowa. His name was William S. Pitts.

● The Original Little Brown Church near Bradford, Iowa

In 1857, at the age of 37, Pitts returned to his boyhood home in Wisconsin.

On a bright day in June, he sat down and wrote The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood. He dedicated the song to the spiritual congregation back in the Iowa wildwoods, sealing the sacred act with a quiet, childlike prayer.

Dr. Littlefield's ministry was succeeded by that of Dr. J. K. Nutting, an energetic young preacher, who crystallized the evangelistic results of the revival into an established Church of the Congregational denomination. Dr. Nutting's contribution to this community will stand forever. In 1860, under his ministry, actual construction of the little edifice began.

Farmers of the community lacked material wealth, but they possessed faith in God. Labor and most of the material for building the Church were donated. It required four years to do the building, being interrupted by the Civil War.

Fifty-foot oaks were felled, hewn from the wildwoods spoken of in the song, and dragged by horses to a sawmill some distance from the site. Company officials, many of whom were Christian men, refused to accept one penny for work on lumber which was to go into the construction of the Church. Carpenters also refused to accept money. However, there were other expenses that had to be met.

For a time, it looked as though the project would have to be abandoned. In desperation Dr. Nutting wrote to a pastor friend in Massachusetts. He was touched by the appeal of Nutting's letter and the need of the community, and mailed back a check for $140.00. Other funds were then raised.

Incidentally, in 1926, a note for the amount of $300 against the property was paid off, after it had been delinquent for sixty-two years. Noteholders overlooked the interest.

Finished lumber for the Church had to be hauled a distance of eighty miles, over almost impassable roads. In those days, it was the custom to paint Churches white. However, funds were not available to purchase white paint, so a cheap, brown mineral paint was substituted . . . which has been immortalized in Dr. Pitts' song.

Dedication day finally arrived. This was in 1864. Dr. Nutting preached the dedicatory sermon and his close friend, Dr. Pitts, lead the congregational singing.

The song was first sung, appropriately enough, by the choir of the Little Brown Church. For many years, Dr. Pitts led the singing and conducted a music class in the Little Brown Church.

Church attendants estimate that between 40,000 to 60,000 tourists visit the Little Brown Church annually. They come to this quiet, picturesque Shrine, to worship and invariably to sing, "The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood". World-renowned malequartets have paid their respects to the Church for the purpose of vitalizing their concerts. It is said on the average of five weddings are held daily at the building. Couples from all parts of the Nation come there, to walk down a narrow aisle, to a tiny altar.

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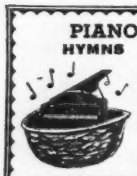
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The wife of the song-writer is buried in the courtyard of the Church, beneath noble oak trees, who stand like guarding sentinels. It was Dr. Pitts' desire, too, that he be buried there, by the side of his "loved one". This request he made publicly, because in the last two verses of his song, he wrote:

There, close by the church in the valley
Lies One that I love so well
She sleeps, sweetly sleeps, 'neath the willow;
Disturb not her rest in the vale.

There, close by the side of that loved one,
'Neath the tree where the wild flowers bloom,
When the farewell hymn shall be chanted
I shall rest by her side in the tomb.

William S. Pitts was born August 18, 1830, in Orleans County, New York, the son of English and Scottish parents. Shortly after, the Pitts family moved to Union, Wisconsin, where he was united in marriage to Anna Eliza Warren. Five children were born to this union. He received his Degree of Medicine from Rush Medical College in 1868. From 1868 to 1906, he practiced medicine, as a typical country doctor, in Fredericksburg, Iowa.

The Little Brown Church typifies the deep Christian reverence and faith in God of the pioneer people of America. Shadows of such institutions have been the foundation of American life.

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Subversive Snares and Propaganda

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THE time has come to cease evasion, shadow-boxing and deception about Communism, and to inaugurate a real investigation to ferret out and expose the precise identity of the occult forces behind it.

The Dies Committee has made a good start in this direction, and it is hoped by all that it will finish the task which no private individual or group is equipped to do. Many of those who have heaped ridicule upon the Committee may be found to be real "leads" to the identity of the occult forces who naturally fear exposure, and would doubtless like to dispose of the Committee through the well-known Communist tactic of ridicule.

The Communists brazenly advocate the overthrow, by force, violence and other means, whether unlawful or lawful, of all forms of government and society not dominated by themselves.

Their mouthings about humanitarianism and democracy are absolutely inconsistent with their proclaimed abolition of religion, individual ownership of property, family rights, and all individual rights.

These abolitions of essential human rights would necessarily reduce humanity to the level of cattle, from which fact it is obvious that Communism is a diabolical hoax and snare for human degradation and enslavement of all peoples and groups except the Communists. Although many so-called leading anti-communist lecturers and writers have sought to dignify Communism as a philosophy, it should be perfectly obvious to any real student of the subject that it is no more proper to refer to "the philosophy of Communism", than it would be to refer to "the philosophy of swindling, robbery, murder and treason".

Why are hundreds of Communist schools, openly declared and conducted as such, permitted to operate in the American Republic, thereby using our Republic to dig its own grave? Our highest Court has vigorously upheld, in two cases, the Oregon School Decision and the Gitlow decision, the power and duty of the Republic to protect itself and its youth against criminal and subversive advocacy.

The Oregon School Cases, 268 U. S. 510, 534, Gitlow v. United States, 268 U. S. 652. While the two "liberal" Justices of the Court dissented from the last decision,—taking the position that, before revolutionary utterances can be

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dealt with criminally, they must first be shown to have produced imminent and immediate danger to the government, — the undeniable soundness and effectiveness of the decision itself were in no manner impaired by such manifestly unsound dissents. The doctrine of such dissenters would, of course, render our Republic helpless against the well-known Communist tactic directed by Lenin—

"One must strive to take the enemy by *surprise.*"

Fascism

Although there is an international Communist organization known as the Third International, which promotes and directs Communist activities in all Nations, there has never been the slightest evidence of the existence of an international Fascist organization. Although there are Communist schools actively conducted in the United States, in addition to various other Communist activities, no showing has so far been made of any international Fascist organization in the United States.

The Communists evade this undeniable fact by attempting to treat as Fascist every patriotic or other organization which is anti-communist or which defends individual ownership of property. If the Communist definition were the true one, every loyal American citizen would of necessity be a Fascist.

There is a Fascist organization in Italy, which is a totalitarian dictatorship, but is strictly nationalistic, not internationalistic, and which does not abolish individual ownership of property or family rights. Fascism arose in Italy as an antidote for Communism, and, but for the imminent menace of Communism there in 1922, that totalitarian dictatorship would probably never have come into existence. Italy had no well-organized and well-balanced Republic, with inherent powers of self-defense against Communism, such as are possessed by the American Republic, and the emergency there did not afford time for the formation of such a Republic. . . .

So far as yet known, there is no international Nazi organization attempting to project Nazi activities into other Nations, nor is there any reliable evidence of which I am aware of any Nazi plan or plot to undermine and overthrow other Nations.

Nazism came into power in Germany in 1933 as an antidote for Communism in somewhat the same way that Fascism came into power in Italy. ALL LOYAL AMERICANS WOULD, OF COURSE, FIGHT ANY ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE AND OVERTHROW THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC, JUST AS VIGOROUSLY AS THE COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS.

But thinking Americans do not intend to be shunted away from the Communist trail by extensive but unsupported propaganda seeking to throw a "red herring" across the Communist trail. The only *ism* suited to the American Republic is Americanism.

Nationalities or Nationalisms

The world is being subjected to great unrest due to nations, nationalities or nationalisms formed along racial lines.

Italy and Germany are declaring for non-Jewish racialisms, and assert that the existence of a well-established Jewish racial nationality or nation on a world scale absolutely precludes the inclusion of its members in an Italian or German nationality or nation. Doubtless, it is within the right of any race to form a race nationality or nation, organized and functioning for the sole benefit of its members. But when so organized and functioning, so that its members are still declared to be its "nationals" even though assuming a citizenship status in another nation, an embarrassing situation is necessarily created.

A question of divided loyalty at once arises, so that any such member is in danger of losing his citizenship status in another nation. There is no secret about the Jewish racial nationality. It was expressly proclaimed in "The Jewish Problem—How to Solve It" page 25, by Hon. Louis D. Brandeis (who has been elected in a world-wide poll of Jewish communities as one of the "110 Greatest Living Jews"). His pronouncement was—

"Let us all recognize that we Jews are a distinct nationality of which every Jew, whatever his country, his station or shade of belief is necessarily a member."

A confirmatory pronouncement was recently made by the Anti-Defamation League of the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith, in Fireside Discussion Group Leaflet No. VII, page 3—

"Approximately a race, definitely a type, and consciously a unity, we are an historic people — a world community."

Rabbi Morris Lazaron, of Baltimore, Md., has recently sought to draw the Jewish race away from its organizational nationality, declaring—

"There is no room in this country for any race, Italian, Russian, Polish or Jewish, to set itself up as a private community and build a wall around itself."

However, his efforts were immediately denounced by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise in an Editorial in the Jewish organ "Opinion" of March 1938, declaring—

"If there be self-respect in the Jewish community of Baltimore, the members of his congregation, and those outside will unite in making solemn protest against this defamer of his people, prepared to sacrifice them upon the altar of his quasi-good will for non-Jews."

Rabbi Wise appears to have a special influence over the Jewish people throughout the world, who have chosen him, as also Soviet Commissar

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Litvinov, to the "Jewish Hall of Fame," made up of the "110 Greatest Living Jews" (Associated Press Dispatch of Sept, 24, 1937). American Jews have a call to action. They can not afford to remain silent when World Jewry is thus honoring Red Litvinov.

Refugee Question, an Alarming One

The refugee question, which is now being much agitated, is, of course, a serious one for the Jews of Germany, but it is an even more serious one for the American Republic, if it is going to have more refugees brought here at this time.

In the first place, with World Jewry boldly and publicly honoring Red Litvinov, any fair and sensible interpretation of our Immigration Laws would altogether exclude from our shores Jewish immigrants having such an attitude of mind. In "The Jewish Chronicle" (London) of April 28, 1911, American Rabbi M. Schindler explained the attitude and influence of foreign Jews—

> "Fifty years ago we were near to assimilating ourselves to the Americans. But since then two millions of our brothers (or three) have arrived from the East, bringing with them their old ideal. This army has submerged us."

In the second place, no well-founded reason can be given for transporting them to America. Soviet Russia, which now claims to be the most prosperous Nation in the world, would be an ideal haven for them. Not only is anti-Semitism excluded there, but it is punished as counter-revolutionary. Moreover, not only are the leaders in Soviet Russia friendly to the Jews, but a Jewish Autonomous Territory has been established there, called Biro-Bidjan.

So favorably are the Jews treated in Russia that the Jewish organ "Opinion" of December 1933, page 13, boasted that, with a Jewish population in Russia of less than 2%, there were 61% Jewish officials. In the third place, the American Republic is already flooded with aliens beyond its present capacity to care for them, many of them illegally here and engaged in Communist activities, and a great many clogging the relief rolls, notwithstanding pretended showing that they were not dependent.

The American Republic is, in a very true sense, a life-raft of Civilization. While recognizing all men to be created equal, the life-raft cannot possibly carry everybody, and certainly can not carry those who are inharmonious to the spirit and functioning of the American Republic. If it did, the life-raft would capsize and sink, and the finest and noblest model of Government ever devised would be lost to all humanity.

Nevertheless, some believe that an exception should be made in favor of these refugees, because they are claimed to be victims of the worst savageries in recorded history. Every right-minded person abhors, of course, every sort of lawlessness and tyranny, and expects every Civilized Nation to refrain therefrom. Condemnation thereof is always justifiable.

However, it is preposterous to assert that these refugees have been subjected to the worst savageries in recorded history. The fact that they are permitted to be refugees demonstrates the falsity of the assertion. In Red Russia and Red Spain, the brutality has been so great that wholesale "liquidations" and enslavements did not leave many who could qualify as refugees. According to the "Army Chaplain Magazine" of October 1935, the number of persons killed and executed in Soviet Russia had then reached the staggering total of 11,726,746, — nearly two million more dead than the total killed in the World War.

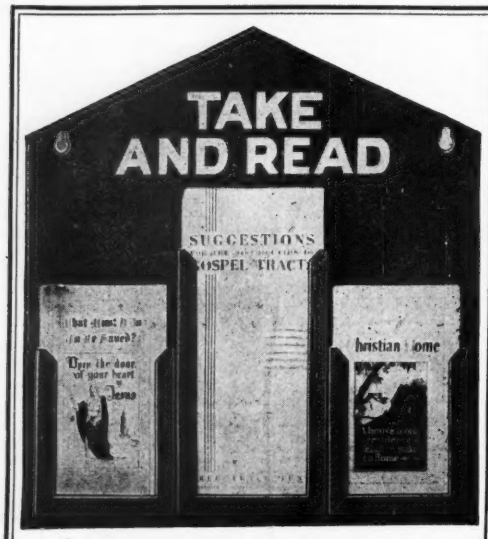
The late Samuel Gompers was well acquainted with the brutalities taking place in Soviet Russia, and unhesitatingly declared that American recognition of the Soviet regime would be a "base betrayal of civilization". It is strange indeed that high Government officials who promoted the ultimate American recognition of the Soviet regime, and who then claimed that internal conditions in Soviet Russia were of no proper concern to our Republic, and many of whom have been sympathetic toward the Reds of Spain, misnamed "Loyalists", are now treating the internal conditions in Germany as a subject of our concern. . . .

Subversive Tactics

Those who study the tactics of the subversive forces operating in the United States are shocked to find that, instead of being poverty-stricken fanatics, they consist of amazingly-organized and financially-powerful occult forces, bent upon world conquest. In fact, they resemble, in organizational formation, a giant octopus with tentacles extending everywhere.

Deceptive propaganda has sought to give the imminent menace in every Nation a far-away Russian aspect, the cunning and infamous suggestion being made that the plot is of Russian origin, and that the enslaved Russian people are really seeking to subjugate all other peoples.

Those who doubt that the subversive forces are financially powerful have but to appreciate the necessarily immense expenditures for propaganda, including textbooks and study magazines for schools and colleges, maga-



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Congress has avoided, since 1925, making any appropriation for investigation by the Department of Justice of Communist activities, notwithstanding Congress' attention to the imperative need therefore was called in H. R. Report 2290, page 35, (71st Congress, 3rd Session, January 17, 1931). Public schools and public libraries brazenly carry deceptive matter favorable to Communism, and detrimental to Americanism, and with no label or suggestion that it is deceptive or constitutes propaganda.

In effect, our youth are being kidnapped from the Nation, because they are lost to the Nation when their patriotism is destroyed, and their minds and morals poisoned. Moreover, many leading educational institutions, specializing in so-called Social Sciences, support the Communist claim that some kind of Socialism or regimentation is imperative to readjust our Republic to the times.

Strange to relate, professors handling the subject in those institutions, even when religious institutions, are almost invariably found to be affiliated with some Communist-aiding group or groups. Any idea that Christian ethics and principles can be formulated and enforced legislatively, is based upon a total lack of understanding of the function of Government. Every clergyman who is both practical-minded and honest knows that Governmental regimentation will destroy, but never promote, Christianity or any religious belief worthy of the name.

Moreover, every practical scholar or student, having a real grasp of the fundamentals of our Republic, is well aware that the needed remedy is a return to the true functioning of our Republic, thus putting an end to the abuses long sabotaging the Republic.

The most outstanding of such abuses, which most politicians and educational institutions avoid mentioning, is the money-control, which has enabled an unscrupulous financial group to cause panics and famine at will, and in the midst of plenty.

The sabotage of our Republic is rapidly perverting it into "the land of the spending spree and the home of the knave". The next generation will be too enslaved to do anything about it, unless our generation performs its task of restoring our Republic to its true status and functioning as THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

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Or suppose that, as you read about the walls of Jericho crashing down, you could glance up from your Bible and see those very walls which have been excavated.

This is essentially what happens every summer, when Wheaton College sponsors a Bible study trip to the Holy Land, thus sending part of her friends and students into the Near East, where they study conditions removed over 6,000 miles from the home campus.

The group is composed of people from nearly every walk of life — students, pastors, Sunday-School teachers, business men, office workers, public school teachers, doctors, nurses, and housewives. Last summer 21 people sailed from New York, and a similar group will sail on July 1 of next summer.

On the trip across the water, daily lectures are given by the director to prepare the travellers for the places which they will visit. The party is directed by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Free.

Dr. Free is Professor of Bible Archaeology at Wheaton, and has made several trips through Bible lands. He is a member of the American Schools of Oriental Research, and belongs to the Egyptian Exploration Society.

Every phase of Bible study is included in this trip, which features an examination of the archaeology, geography, local customs, Zionist movement, and prophetic aspects of the Bible lands.

At Pompeii, Italy, they see a city which was destroyed by a volcano just a few years after Paul was in Italy. As they walk through the deserted streets which have been excavated, members of the group can visualize a typical Roman town, such as was standing in the days when Peter, John, and Paul were preaching the Gospel.

In Syria, the group examines the ancient cities of Tyre and Sidon, which are examples of fulfilled prophecies given in Ezekiel 26 and 28.

At Damascus they still point out the traditional window from which

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"GO, AND DO THOU LIKEWISE!"

THE story of the Good Samaritan pictured here is familiar to all Christians, but very few realize that this same story is continually repeating itself. Not only individuals are falling among the thieves, but in many instances whole nations are captured by them, as is the case of Russia, who has fallen into the cruel hands of Communists.

An illustration of this fact is given here by the words of a little girl, recently received from Russia:

"Dear Auntie: Your letter for which we thank you very much, was received by us on September 17th, 1938. Mother was working, but I was at home when your letter arrived and when I started to read it, my hands were trembling very much. Reading your letter I wept from joy and could not stay home, but ran to the factory where my mother works. Her work is very hard, and her hands are all covered with callouses from the hand-barrow.

"Dear Auntie: Winter is approaching and I am barefooted and without any clothes. I have no decent dress and practically nothing else to wear. Holy days are approaching, but I have to stay home. Dear Auntie: If it is possible, please send me a pair of shoes, because winter is at hand. At present I am going to school in torn felt shoes, and torn black dress. That's all.

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Paul was let down in a basket. A few days later the party spends two days on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where the fishermen still fish as they did in the days of Peter, James, and John.

Several hours are spent crossing the plain of Armageddon, the scene of the great conflict of the future. Visits are made to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, and to Mt. Carmel, the scene of the contest between Elijah and the 450 prophets of Baal.

In Jerusalem, the Wheaton Party stays at the American School of Oriental Research, which is the headquarters for American archaeologists. Then comes a complete program of sightseeing around Jerusalem, supplemented with trips to Bethlehem, Hebron, Solomon's pools, and Rachel's tomb. One day is spent in a visit to the new all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv.

At Jericho they see the excavated city which was captured by Joshua over 3000 years ago. A visit to the Dead Sea gives an opportunity to swim and float in this body of water, which is saltier than Great Salt Lake in our Country.

In Egypt, the party sees the great Pyramid, and those who wish are taken inside to examine the passages and rooms of this building which is nearly 5000 years old.

As we glance through the itinerary for the trip next summer, we find that the countries of Italy, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt are visited, while port calls are made in Greece, Sicily, Rhodes, Algiers, Gibraltar, Portugal, and the Azores. Provisions are also made for those who care to make an extension into the European countries of Italy, Switzerland, France, and England.

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Archaeological Accomplishments in 1938

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DISCOVERIES for 1938 in the field of Biblical archaeology have been gratifying and enlightening.

While "the greatest artifact of all time" has not yet been found, yet many important things have been brought to light. We shall examine just a few.

In my lectures over the Nation, I am constantly asked the question: "How did the ancient cities become so deeply buried?" This seems almost beyond the comprehension of the lay student of archaeology.

In ancient times, the selection of a site for the building of a "city", or more properly a "fort", depended mainly upon three things: *(1)* Military advantage, *(2)* Water supply, and *(3)* Trade route.

When such a site was once selected, its natural advantages rarely ever ceased. If changes ever occurred, it would in all probability apply to the caravan route. However, practically all trade routes of today are the same as they were, long before the curtain of history arose in Palestine. This being true, chosen sites were priceless, and seldom abandoned.

As an illustration, we point to the city of Jericho which, for untold hundreds of years, was to Palestine just what Istanbul (Constantinople) and Byzantium were and are, to the Black and Aegean seas; or what Atlanta was to the Confederacy during the Civil War. Our modern cities rise and flourish because of advantages of location and this is true with ancient "cities" which the archaeologist excavates.

It is therefore easy to see that these points of vantage were never deserted for long. The "city" might be destroyed by some convulsion of nature, or military force, but it would, almost at once, be rebuilt either by the conqueror, or a remnant of the former inhabitants. They would simply level the site roughly, and rebuild. The higher the site, the better for military and defensive purposes.

At Homeric Troy, for example, there were nine cities (forts) built upon the same location. A cross-section view of this mound carries us through more than 3000 years of history. And this is true with all the principal cites of ancient cities. They were destroyed and rebuilt again and again, until today they stand as mere "tells", to use an archaeological term, marking the spot where scientists may find great things.

Sometimes, however, this is not the case, in that original robbers left nothing of value, even to the archaeologist. Some of the "tells" prove utterly barren.

Studies At Migeddo

An example of a complete metamorphosis is found in the history of Mesopotamia, one-time economic rival of Egypt. Today, it is a desert, in the real meaning of the word. This is not due to a change of caravan routes, but to the filling up of canals that, at one time, made this land a veritable Eden. Tradition affirms, it may have been the site of the Garden of Eden. Water did not fail; but men failed—failed to keep up the canals and, as a result, the country became desert.

A focal point of great interest has always been Armageddon, or Migeddo, in the plains of Esdraelon, where, Bible scholars believe, will be fought the last battle of a "war to end war". The place where sin and unrighteousness will finally be overthrown! Archaeologists have been working upon this site with vigor and concentration, and their

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efforts have been rewarded beyond the wildest dreams. The mound of Migeddo has yielded up its secrets in full, as it were.

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History extends considerably over 3000 years on this spot. Here we find a panorama of the rise and fall of kingdoms, of Dynasties; the development and, in turn, decay of art, literature, military science, and culture in general. This site had been a center of culture 1000 years before Abraham made his famous journey to Palestine. Several cultures rose and fell during that thousand years.

We have not the time nor space to enter into a detailed examination of this marvelous discovery. We shall soon devote a whole article on the subject in *The Defender*.

To further our chronological data and add something to that which has been tentatively established, we must go to Egypt, the handmaiden to Palestinian archaeology.

Building Biblical Chronology

Dr. Flinders Petrie has maintained that Menes, or Mena, was the king who first united Upper and Lower Egypt into one kingdom, which act established the double crown of Egypt. Egyptologists have widely differed as to the tentative date of Mena's reign. Differences in opinion are separated, in some instances, by more than a thousand years. Certain archaeologists maintain that Mena was the name of a Dynasty and not that of one King. This, of course, is an old "trick" used to cover ignorance of real facts.

Beneath pits, which have been excavated this year, are tombs that were not even guessed to exist before excavation, one of which is spacious and well preserved; the artifacts, in the main, are still there, even to the bones of the oxen offered as sacrifice. This tomb has been determined as that of a high official of Menes, or Mena. Thus has nullified the theory that Mena was a Dynasty. An individual could not have been a high official in a Dynasty.

There are inscriptions in connection with these tombs, but, as yet, they have not been fully translated. It seems to the writer, that we shall comparatively soon know whether Dr. Petrie or others are correct in dating the reign of this now-famous monarch. If the date of Mena's reign can be established, then the tangled skein of Egyptian chronology will be on the way to disentanglement.

If Egyptian chronology can once be established, then Biblical chronology may be *intelligently* established. Dr. Petrie has done more than any other individual to establish Biblical chronology, and he has accomplished this through proper classification, or perhaps more properly, the stratification of pottery. Now, if by actual inscriptions, some point in time may be definitely established, the question of chronology in general will begin to clear up.

The Hittites

In Sumeria, (southern Babylonian) there have been found artifacts which throw great light upon that country and civilization 5000 years B. C. We sometimes think that modern people invent new designs in costume and etc., but we are mistaken. Everything we "moderns" wear or have worn, has been designed and worn thousands of years ago.

The finest piece of Sumerian art ever unearthed, was found this year. The statue is life-size, and the sculpture is exceedingly life-like in every detail. It is a perfect likeness of the Old Sumerian race. It is a great study in Anthropology.

We now know how the Old Sumerian looked. We also know how he dressed. The statue unearthed this year is that of a Sumerian potentate, some official, *not a priest*. His dress comes down to his ankles, and is "glorified" with escalloped ruffles all the way around, and extends in rows to within a foot of the bottom of the dress, but from there down is pleated in very fine pleats. It seems to be the ancestor of the *priestly* type of dress among the Hebrews.

Then we come down 2000 years to 3000 B. C. A statue has been discovered of either a Sumerian king or a Sumerian priest, perhaps the Chief Priest, assuming that the statue is a priest rather than a king. We behold some change in features from those of the Dignitary of 2000 years earlier. The eyes and nose are exceedingly large, but the head is more or less still of the "round-head" type. It is likely we have here the ancestorial type of the historic Hittite.

The shoulders are large and very square, the chest rather narrow. The hair is probably false, and is arranged in regular and carefully matched curls or waves. There is no doubt but that we have here the prototype of the Hittite who ruled part of the Near East for 1100 years.

Then follows an article which may have been a cosmetic box. It is of Assyrian manufacture; therefore, of

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late date, comparatively speaking. Along with these discoveries was found a perfect head of a bull. This artifact seems to be of Cretan workmanship which displays expert ability in carving. A Pharaoh in full headdress was also found. The workmanship of this carving is more than skillful — which of the Pharaohs, it has not yet been determined.

There are artifacts which show that the diplomatic, political, and trade relations of the ancient world were far closer than ever dreamed by older historians. "National Isolation" did not exist in ancient times as it does today among modern nations.

Additional carvings were those of a perfect duck head. I would say they resembled the mallard. There is one that is rather puzzling and difficult to interpret. It is the figure of something like the head of a doe. Then again it might be the head of the ancestor to the German police dog; while again it could be the head of a kangaroo in the pouch. Later, probably, it will be possible to determine the matter.

Another carving discovered is one the writer would call "A Lady in her Boudoir". She has on a dressing-gown, a cap which might be taken for a "dust-cap", and is arranging the hair on the back of her head with her left hand, while gazing into a mirror held in her right. As these were wall ornaments on the outside of the house, or building, it is possible that here we have the plaque of an ancient "Beauty Shoppe".

But one that cannot be mistaken is that of the Sumerian Wrestlers. This is a fine piece of art, and we readily learn that the "art" of wresling is as old as man, and that no new "holds" have been developed through the ages.

Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Referring again to Armageddon, the "finds" there prove one thing conclusively; viz, the sacrifice of infants was an established form of religious practice. Beneath the altar at Carthage there were found skeletons of more than 1200 infants. Here the bones were placed in earthen jars and buried within a certain restricted area. On the civic side, Armageddon displays the finest example of drainage and water supply pipes to be found anywhere in the ancient world. Their system was superior to that of Knossos, although Knossos was more than 1500 years later.

On what might be termed the "Classical" side of archaeology, Corinth, one-time home of St. Paul, contributes its part. This year's excavation gives us a cross-section view of that city from its first foundation. Paul's words concerning it are not, in the least, exaggerated.

At Ostia, Italy, additional work has been carried on during 1938. One thing discovered is the fact that Ostia, in the time of Augustus, did not differ materially from any modern city in Italy. Among the statuary uncovered was a head of Nero, dating about the time of the persecution of the Christians. It is among the most perfect ever discovered. It is not the face of the Nero portrayed in the movies of today.

In Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been closed against all comers, including tourists. The writer was scheduled to spend last Easter in the Church; but no pilgrim was allowed to enter. The Church is very unsafe. It is in danger of collapse at any moment, notwithstanding reinforcements made to keep the dome from spreading the walls.

The Church will not be reopened until it has been practically rebuilt, which will require more than $500,000. England does not seem inclined to contribute this expenditure for the rebuilding of this famous and historic Church.

The writer only wishes that he had the space in which to detail the discoveries for 1938. However, such is not the case, and we must be content to just briefly mention the highlights of the year's vast "finds" in Biblical Archaeology.

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Through it all, Dr. Watts shows that the Bible is the only Book that can throw light upon the *why and the wherefore* of present world chaos. He issues a challenge to all men everywhere to take the Bible literally. All the predictions that concerned the first advent of Christ were literally and minutely fulfilled: surely he is reasonable when he contends that we are to expect just as literal fulfillment of unfulfilled prophecy!

Dr. Newman Watts is a regular writer for *The Defender Magazine*. Having an understanding of the Scriptures with regard to the future, and possessing at the same time a vivid imagination, he has brought before us in an attractive novel, outlining the events that are to come to pass in the coming reign of Christ on the earth, and he splendidly unveils the possibilities of the coming age.

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The Rapture and the Rainbow-Circled Throne

— A Study of Revelation 4 —

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"AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter" (Rev. 4:1).

This verse begins the third division of the Book of Revelation. There are several cogent reasons for believing, that the Word indicates it is precisely at this point, where the Rapture takes place. John hears the voice which first spoke to him in his vision, as through a *trumpet*, calling, "Come up hither". Surely, at the appointed time, this will be the experience of the Church.

"Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the *trumpet* shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:51-52).

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep (dead), that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

"For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the *trump* of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:13-17).

Unmistakably these passages relate to the coming of Christ for His bride. He is coming to take the Church unto Himself. He told His disciples: "I will come and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." In the original Greek the word *receive* has the meaning "to take by force". The Rapture is the expression of a passionate longing and love of Christ for His Church. Here He expresses that love by taking His bride Himself by the exercise of His infinite power.

The reasons for believing that the call of John indicates the moment of the Rapture are as follows. Immediately, in heaven John beheld the Church of all the ages before the throne. Second, the Church is not seen nor mentioned again as being on earth. During all the scenes that follow, the Church is with Christ in heaven. There is no other Rapture until at last the Church is seen coming with Christ from heaven (Rev. 19:11-16).

No Partial Rapture

After thirty years of study, the Author does not hesitate to express his belief and deep conviction that the Church will experience no part of the Great Tribulation.

In the preceding chapter, we find that Christ expressly promised His Church that He would keep her from the Tribulation. The Church is purified by faith, not by suffering. Otherwise, millions have passed on who have been denied adequate opportunity to qualify for the Rapture. Furthermore, if the Church must pass through the Tribulation, it evidently deserves no better fate than Satanically dominated, abandoned, wicked apostates. This is unthinkable and does violence to the plainest statements of the Word itself.

This is as good a place as we shall find, to state that there is no possible justification in the Word for the belief in a "partial" Rapture. Who ever heard of a bridegroom entering into marriage with part of a bride?

We are told that He will "present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, . . . holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27). There is no basis then, for holding that Christ's Bride will be other than perfect and complete.

1. "Come up hither". John obeyed, was caught up to heaven, and from this instant witnessed and participated in what happened in heaven. From heaven he beheld what, thereafter, was to occur on earth. What John saw and experienced, the Raptured Church doubtless will share.

2. "Things which must be hereafter". The One who commanded John to write made a clearly defined distinction between the things revealed in the first three chapters of the book of Revelation and those disclosed after John entered heaven. The Revelation itself makes these distinctions.

While we grant the fullest freedom to those who interpret the Book of Revelation historically, in view of the facts supporting the belief that the Church is represented as being Raptured at the moment already indicated, we are forced to conclude that all that is recorded related to "things after

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More recently Sydney Watson has popularized the truth of the personal return of Christ in four fictional works, the first of which, *In the Twinkling of an Eye*, has reached a large public.

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these things", will occur after Christ has caught away His Church to be with Him in the heavens.

3. "Behold, a throne was set in heaven" (verses 2-3). Immediately, in the twinkling of an eye, John was in heaven; not bodily, but in the spirit. The first thing that caught his eye was the throne. Amidst the toppling dominions and crashing nations and boasted "civilization" about to be blasted into ruins and chaos, there stands an immovable, eternal throne. In a moment of national crisis, Isaiah tells us: "I saw the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the Temple". Ere long, assurance and peace born of such a vision will be precious, indeed.

4. "One sat on the throne". "He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone". The sardine stone was the first and the jasper was the last of the twelve stones set in the breast-plate of the high-priest of Israel. Here, most significantly, we find them reversed. Why? The sardine stone speaks of the redemptive blood of the Lamb of God. The jasper, shining like a brilliant diamond, speaks of the glory of the King. Here, again, we behold the Priest-King. His work of redemption is completed and past. Now He sits on the throne. John beheld the Eternal, forever manifested through the Son.

5. "A rainbow . . . like an emerald". Here is one of the many symbols presented in this wonderful Book of Revelation that illustrates the fact that its interpretation requires an understanding of the use and meaning of Bible symbols appearing elsewhere in the Scriptures. It will pay the reader to turn to the references given and grasp the significance of the appearance of this rainbow about the throne (Gen. 8:20-22; 9:11-17). He that sits on the throne is the covenant-keeping God. He is about to exercise His great power to consummate His covenants and fulfill His promises. Hence, we witness the unveiling of His throne. . .

6. "Round . . . and before the throne" (verses 4-6). Round about the throne, John saw twenty-four other thrones, and seated upon them twenty-four elders. They were clothed in white robes and wore golden crowns. These elders, doubtless, represent the redeemed saints of all the ages and dispensations of Israel and of the Gentile nations composing the raptured and glorified church. He hath made them "kings and priests unto God and His Father". What a wonderful reward!

They occupy the place of honor nearest the throne. The heavenly hosts surround them, and worship with them, but cannot join in the songs of the redeemed. None but the ransomed can sing redemption's rapturous paeans of praise.

Before the throne, seven burning lamps symbolize the Holy Spirit in the completeness of His universal ministry from eternity to eternity. John saw a sea of gloss like a crystallized laver of water whose purifying efficacy is no longer needed by the saints now "without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but holy and without blemish" before His throne: an eternal reminder that these saints are washed from their sins in His own blood and cleansed "with the washing of the water by the Word".

Next, John beheld four living-ones, not beasts, with eyes before and behind. Their eyes look back to the beginning and forward to the glorious consummation of God's plan of salvation which, though perfectly vindicating and protecting His holy character and person, wonderfully provides eternal salvation through His gospel of redemption through the blood of the Crucified One. These supernatural ones, from the beginning, are identified with the manifestation of the holy character and worship of Jehovah. We shall see them again ministering in the presence of the throne in connection with events of momentous significance.

7. The Four Living Ones (verses 7-8). In the second chapter of Numbers we find that Israel, on the march and in camp, were assembled about four standards, or ensigns. These standards were of Judah, Reuben, Ephraim, and Dan. It is authoritatively stated that these ensigns displayed the symbols described in Rev. 4:7. In the first chapter of Ezekiel, the tenth verse, they are given remarkable delineation in a context that amazes and baffles the most devout and scholarly minds. Here we deal with the Infinite. The glorified saints, before the throne, will understand.

These four living-ones are likened to a lion, a calf, a man, and an eagle. They beautifully and vividly suggest the four aspects of the character and ministry of Christ as presented in promise and prophecy in the Old Testament.

They clearly demonstrate the reason for, and character of, the four Gospels. Matthew presents the King, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Mark tells of Jehovah's suffering servant, obedient unto death, beautifully symbolized by the ox and the calf. Luke reveals the Son of man; and John, the eternal Son of God. These symbols have the same significance as the four colors appearing over and over in the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Purple symbolizes royalty, corresponding to the lion; scarlet for the blood of the sacrificial calf; white for the spotless character of the Son of man! and blue of the sky, the home of the eagle, speaks of the heaven from which came "the Only Begotten of the Father".

8. The Worship of the Almighty (verses 8-11). Not until the church of Christ is glorified with Him can this scene take place. It marks the hour when the Redeemer will be acclaimed as the eternal Creator. Then, and not until then, will He begin the long awaited deliverance, purification, and restoration of creation (Rom. 8:18-25). The four creatures proclaim the Triune God: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

With this proclamation, the glorified Church worships Him as the Eternal. They cast their crowns before Him, ascribing to Him glory and honor and power. It is extremely important that we grasp the meaning of this scene. Through the ages, with longsuffering patience and mercy, God has spared Satan and those deluded by him, who were created by God's power, whose very breath was the evidence of life granted by Himself; but who misused His creatures and polluted His creation.

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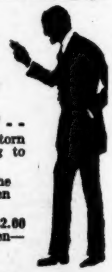

Good Things To Come

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"FOR the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things. . . ."

Certainly, it is through Divine indulgence that we are permitted intermittent glimpses of the surpassing glories of the coming age — an age, in expectation of which, not only ourselves, but also "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," waiting, and earnestly longing, for deliverance "from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Nor is our Father's indulgence without intent. Just as Moses sent spies into Canaan that they might bring back the encouraging report that it was an "exceedingly good land", a land that "floweth with milk and honey", and secure, at the same time, luscious examples of its abundance, so our Lord, in His Holy Word, has given us entrancing views and delightful foretastes of the heavenly country, of which Canaan was a type.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Here we are permitted a *taste* of God, and tasting, we become so enchanted, so entranced, that we cease from anger, forsake wrath, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. We lay aside all "filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness", and the "sin which doth so easily beset us", and resolve to "run with patience the race that is set before us".

Here a taste of God causes us to "forgive until seventy times seven", if any man "have a quarrel against any". It teaches us to "love one another". It causes us to "love our enemies," to "pray for them that despitefully use us," and to go two miles with those who insist that we go one. It prompts us to labor for lost souls who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to weep and lament for the sins of those who forget God.

And if no more than a taste of God produces this miraculous effect, what will be the wondrous result when a whole feast of "good things to come" is spread before us?

The taste we here experience is simply a prelude to the "good things to come", which we are convinced await us in the next age.

Here we move in a world of shadows. So far had we strayed from our God, so great had become the infirmities of our natures, that He must veil the brightness of things eternal by types and shadows. He could not speak to us "as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal", so He uses carnal things to foreshadow and suggest to the mind, and, in a measure, prepare us for an entrance upon, and full enjoyment of, the realities themselves.

A sudden glimpse of unveiled Deity was enough to prostrate Paul, and send him sightless on his way, convincing him of the need of One who would temper "the brightness of His (God's) glory", and at the same time still be "the image of the invisible God".

The more lively apprehensions we have of the world to come, the stronger will we be, and the better able to resist the motions of sin which constantly work in our members, and which is the bane of every true child of God.

It is difficult to conceive how one can give vent to violent outbursts of temper, complain and murmur habitually, fret at inconveniences, and at the same time cherish the glorious truth that soon he is to be a companion of heavenly men and other celestial beings, to walk and talk with his God, and make his happy way through that Holy City, designed especially for a holy people.

It is difficult to imagine how one can indulge in duplicity and deceit, and expect to be an inhabitant of that City where nothing can be concealed, where we shall known even as we are known, where even the street is "pure" gold, as it were "transparent" glass. There, no evasion is known, no false equation.

In this transitory life we are never without the sense of incompleteness and insufficiency, and never without the longing for the power of an endless, God-generated life. This is the only force or principle which will forever end death and decay, and the inevitable sorrow which attends them.

There can be no death by hunger, or disease, in the New Jerusalem, for one can "eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God", the very leaves of which are for "the healing of the nations".

There will be no sorrow, for "in His presence is fulness of joy, and at His right hand there are pleasures forever more." Crying will be ended, for "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes", and the pain which brought the tears will be forgotten, because the "former things are passed away".

Surely, to strangers and pilgrims on the earth, this is "good news from a far country".

We should allot a certain amount of time each day to the devout contemplation of the ineffable happiness that will accrue to us, when God "shall come to be glorified in His saints". It will ennoble us, and greatly accelerate the extirpation of our imperfections, by prompting us to set about manfully pulling up the roots of bitterness, which threaten to spring up and defile us.

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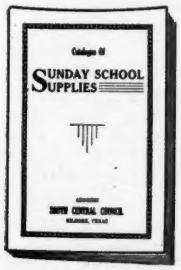

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Editorially, the new Magazine declares its own policy: "This dynamic monthly publication shall be devoted exclusively to missionary news and discussion. It is hoped that the Magazine will prove a valuable incentive for the promotion of missions in general and the work of the Defenders Movement in particular."

The initial issue is a spiritual and literary gem — a thing of beauty in its physical appearance. Included are a number of brief, concentrated missionary articles, of profound spiritual benefit, exceeding in scope the usual missionary "reports". Its columns are replete with thrilling accounts from Defenders outposts, together with missionary sermons and inspirational articles. Heart-warming is the story, for instance, of Puerto Rico's 1934 spiritual conflagration, entitled "Writing Missionary History in the West Indies".

An especially interesting sermon is included from the pen of Dr. Henry W. Frost, who is one of America's leading authorities on foreign missions. In this sermon, Dr. Frost deals with four vital missionary problems. Each month the *Messenger* will publish a timely missionary sermon.

The launching of this new Magazine is coincident with the new forward campaign of the Defenders Movement. Leaders are highly resolved that 1939 shall be a most decisive year in foreign mission service.

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The Editor requests that Christians shall fervently pray for the success of this new venture. Publication date, the 15th of each month.

"In the name of our God we will set up our banners." — *Psalms 20:5.*

Markoff Preaches

AN interesting letter was received this week at Wichita Headquarters from Rev. M. J. Markoff, head of the Defenders Movement in Bulgaria.

The communication described the funeral of a noted Bulgarian public figure, a close friend of Rev. Markoff. The latter attended and was invited to speak.

The letter stated: "I was called by telegraph to the city of Sliven where the funeral was being held of a prominent man of our country, Mr. Constantine H. Dimitroff. Upon his death bed, Mr. Dimitroff uttered my name, and his family called me at once, notwithstanding he was not a Protestant.

"Years ago, I held an evangelistic meeting there and Mr. Dimitroff visited the services every evening for a week. He was much interested in the messages and deeply impressed. He was a man of great ability; highly educated, having attended the famous Roberts College in Constantinople and later pursued acadamic studies in France. He became Bulgarian ambassador, stationed at Istanbull, Turkey, and later at Alexandria, Egypt. For many years, he represented many American firms here and was a special correspondent for English and American newspapers and magazines. He spoke nine languages.

"Most of the prominent people of my Country attended the funeral, and the Orthodox Church had many representatives. I was invited to speak. This is significant when you consider that a non-orthodox person is not allowed to speak in the Temple of the Orthodox. God used my speech to make a deep impression. The Bourgas Archbishop was there, and the next day invited me to visit with him in his home.

"The Archbishop and I had a very delightful hour-long conversation. He was very kind. Our conversation dealt with religious themes. He was much interested in questions of an evangelical nature; conditions in the United States. He told me he reads with a great deal of interest and pleasure our Magazine (The Bulgarian Defender). He asked all about Dr. Winrod.

"Then he invited me to become a Preacher of the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. I replied this was impossible because I held firmly to a belief in the ideals of the Defenders Movement which is nonsectarian and interdenominational.

"The Archbishop is Russian and he profoundly resents the Bolsheviki regime. With enthusiasm, he spoke against Modernism and declared it is inspired by Communists.

"According to the Bulgarian custom, he gave me some sweet things and, as I was departing, kissed me on the forehead and blessed me:

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Missionary Report

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Some missionary societies keep speakers travelling from city to city the year round, holding special conferences. Collections are received at these meetings. However, Defenders Missionary work depends entirely upon offerings received from the "congregation" by mail.

During the year of 1938, the missionary budget of the Defenders Movement reached a total of $4,597.89 a very satisfactory showing considering the present financial stringency.

Revival In Krutown

A LETTER from Krutown, in West Africa, dated November 18, 1938, reveals that Paul Revere, Defender Missionary to Liberia, has recently closed a glorious two-months' revival meeting.

Under sponsorship of the Defenders Movement, the revival is the outgrowth of months of prayer and heart-passion. Paul reports that "scores" publicly professed Christ as Savior.

"We have been praying for such a revival for years," writes this converted Negro, son of a witch doctor, "and I am glad to report that, by the Grace of God, we started the meetings on the first of September and continued until the latter part of October. It was a most blessed time. God's seal of approval was on the words of every message, which were deeply spiritual and delivered with convicting power. Large crowds attended nightly and many came to the altar. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and scores were led to Christ. Delegations and pastors from other mission stations extended their whole-hearted cooperation."

On the last Sunday in October, the Lord's Supper was observed in the Defenders Mission. Also, forty-one black natives followed Christ in the practice of Water Baptism. The spiritual atmosphere was wonderful, Paul reports.

"Pray for these darkened souls," he pleads, "who have seen the light and have turned from their idols to the living and true God. Please continue to pray for me that I may be sustained physically as I carry on this task that is mine."

He closes his letter with a request that it may be possible for a Defender Reader to contribute a new typewriter.

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The Testimony In Greece

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The issuance of a stamp of this character is regarded as being a matter of extraordinary significance.

Greece is a mission field of almost the same proportions as that which confronted Paul in his day. Major effort of New Testament evangelism is being carried on by Rev. A. Velonis, Superintendent of the work of the Defenders Movement in Greece. Rev. Velonis, a fearless and Godly man, is meeting with vicious opposition of the same character with which Paul had to contend.

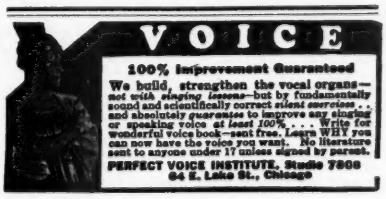
Paul's missionary activities were halted on many occasions by physical violence. Attempts were often made by Jews to kill him. He was stoned, lashed and beaten innumerable times.

His wanderings led him to Greece. There on Mars' Hill, he delivered one of the most famous sermons of all times. His audience was composed of men of intellectual and cultural attainments, but steeped in a religion of superstitious mythology.

". . . Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious . . ."

At the conclusion, the Apostle expected his audience to pounce upon him. Paradoxical, they began to laugh. They ridiculed the strange doctrine he taught, refusing to take him seriously. Because they did not resort to physical violence, Paul thought he had lost his message. And the Scriptures state that he went down the road to Corinth "in fear and in much trembling".

The Jews tried to kill him. The Greeks sneered at him. Very much the same attitude toward the Gospel is said to exist in that part of the world today.



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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTS

For January ..... By Rev. Paul S. Wight, Asheville, N. C.

January 8

Peter Commended and Rebuked

Matt. 16:13-25

GOLDEN Text: *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt. 16:16.*

"Whom do men say that I am?" (verse 13). As a preparation for the news of His approaching death they must first be brought into a distinct understanding of His Deity. All manner of reports and rumors were floating through the Country about Christ. The very nature of His question shows that the world regards Him differently, from the way that His followers look upon Him.

"Whom say ye?" (verse 15). It is more important to know Jesus as Son of God, than to merely know what He said! The morality of the teachings of Jesus would not rest upon any antiquated foundation if Jesus had no authority.

"Son of the living God" (verse 16). Our obtaining eternal life depends upon our believing (John 20:31). Denial of His deity is the supreme lie (I John 2:22).

"Flesh and blood hath not revealed it" (verse 17). A man who can read the New Testament and not see that Christ claims to be more than a man, can look all over the sky at high noon on a cloudless day and not see the Sun. Peter's answer was accompanied by a revelation *in consciousness* which could not be acquired from his material environment. Notice Peter said "Thou art *THE* Son" . . . not *A* Son!

Modernists say Christ was the greatest teacher that ever lived, but only a man. What must be their confusion when they hear Him say that He is the Son of God, the Head of the Church, from everlasting? If He was mistaken, how can He be regarded as the best teacher the world ever heard?

"Thou art Peter" (verse 18). There is a play upon the Greek words here. "Thou art *petros*" (a little rock) "and upon this rock *(petra)* I will build my church." Petra means an immovable rock. Peter was petros. Christ is petra. He does not promise to build His church upon Peter but upon HIMSELF, as Peter is careful to tell us (I Pet. 2:4-9). The foundation of the church is plainly given in Ephesians 2:20.

"The keys of the kingdom of heaven" (verse 19). Peter opened the doors to the Jews (Acts 2:38-42), and to the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:34-36). In the Council at Jerusalem Peter assumed no other authority (Acts 15:7-11) and James presided over the council (verse 19; Gal. 2:11-15). Peter claimed no more for himself than to be an apostle by gift (I Pet. 1:1), and an elder by office (I Pet. 5:1).

January 15

Peter Sees Christ's Glory

Matt. 17:1-18; 2 Pet. 1:16-18

GOLDEN Text: *"We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." John 1:14.*

It is significant that Peter was in this company. In spite of the rebuke and the Satanic suggestion he made to our Lord six days before, Peter is still found in full fellowship. So graciously, so quickly, so miraculously, does the Lord put away our sins, when our hearts truly are repentant!

The Transfiguration probably took place at night. (1) Our Lord was accustomed to spend nights on the mountains; (2) The overpowering sleep that mastered the apostles also suggests the night season; and furthermore, (3) we are told that it was "the next day" when they came down from the mount.

Luke says they talked of His "exodus", His "decease", i.e. His approaching death. Moses was the embodiment of the Law, Elijah of the Prophets. Both had left the earth in a remarkable way.

Moses was buried by God on the lofty heights of Pisgah, (Deut. 34:1-6). While Elijah had gone home in a chariot of fire (2 Kings 2:11). It must have been a very startling rebuke to Peter, to hear these distinguished heavenly visitors speak about the approaching death. It was the one subject in which they seemed to be interested. This was the first time Moses had ever been in a *land of promise.*

Peter makes the suggestion that they should all STAY upon the mountain, whereas he should have known by this time that the Lord soon must go to Jerusalem, and be put to death, as He had said.

If this circumstance in our Lord's life is to be taken as a picture of *life after death,* then it establishes the fact of recognition. Moses and Elijah had gone on before, but on this occasion, the last year of Christ's earthly ministry, they come together. Being together, they undoubtedly recognized one another. The Transfiguration is a glimpse of eternity.

"The cloud" (verse 5). In the text of Exodus 40:35 this same verb is used of the cloud overshadowing the tabernacle. The same verb here translated "overshadowed" is found in Luke 1:35.

"This is my beloved Son". How can any one debate the absolute preeminence and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, with a record of such words before us?

The Greek word here translated "perverse", means "thoroughly twisted, crooked".

January 22

Peter Denies His Lord

Luke 22:31-34; 54-62

GOLDEN Text: *"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Cor. 10:12.*

Peter did not fall all at once. It was seven steps to the bottom:

1. — He boasted (Mark 14:27-31). Others may be offended, but I will stand. He even boasted that he would die for the Lord; it is better to live for Him. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

2. — He slept instead of watching (Mark 14:37-38). "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep" (Rom. 13:11).

3. — He smote the servant (Mark 14:47). Here Peter ran ahead of His Lord.

4. — He followed afar off (verse 54). If you follow afar off you will (a) grow cold; (b) lose the way; and (c) get into temptation. You will not be challenged if like John you stay close to the Lord.

5. — Warmed himself at the enemy's fire (verse 55). You get cold when you follow afar off; and you follow afar off because you are cold.

6. — He denied his Lord (verse 56-62). Three times as the Lord had predicted. But Peter had more confidence in his own feelings than in Christ's word. "Though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee."

7. — He cursed and swore (Mk. 14:71). Note, this last fact is given by Mark who wrote under the influence of Peter. There is no effort by Peter to cover up his sin or justify it. His repentance was accompanied with tears.

Peter is now at the very limit of human weakness. He was caught by the Master red-handed in his sin. He was not worthy of anything good from Jesus, whom he had disowned and disgraced. So we leave Peter out in the night whither Judas had gone. Our next lesson will brighten up the picture.

January 29

Peter Declares His Love

John 21:11-19

GOLDEN Text: *"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.*

Peter — The Man Who Came Back! Seven steps down; seven steps back:

1. Christ's intercession for Peter. The first step was taken by Christ before Peter sinned. (Luke 22:31-32.) The preceding lesson revealed dark realities. This verse is bright with the light of our Lord's love and power.

2. Christ's look at Peter (Luke 22: 61). After that look Peter went out into the night and wept bitterly. He beheld the sad face of the heart-broken Master.

3. Christ's message to Peter (Mark 16:7). "Tell my disciples AND PETER." Be sure and tell Peter!

4. Christ's interview with Peter (Luke 24:34). We do not know what was said but evidently they talked privately about his denial and his restoration.

5. Peter's open confession (John 21: 15-17). "More than these?" Not, more than these *fishes*, or the boats, or the work he was engaged in, as some commentators claim! Such a question would have been an insult. But he asked . . . Do you love Me more than these *others* do? Peter had boasted of this, you remember.

Now, in deep humility, with aching heart, Peter cries out: "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love Thee". He means it this time!

6. Peter's public restoration to service (verse 15-17). "Feed my sheep".

7. Peter's bold testimony for Christ (Read Acts, chapters 2 and 3). "They overcame him . . . by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11). "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John" (Acts 4:13). What a different man Peter is now!

February 5

Peter Preaches at Pentecost

Acts 2:5-18; 36-41

GOLDEN Text: *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.*

(1) The church on fire (verses 3-4); (2) The people amazed, perplexed and inquiring "What meaneth this" (verses 7,12).

(3) The church telling the way (verses 14-36); (4) The amazed, perplexed and inquiring multitude ask a new question: "What must we do?" (verse 37).

(5) The church gives the answer (verse 38); (6) Three thousand obey the conditions (verse 41); (7) The new order of life upon which the three thousand entered when they accepted the conditions (verse 42-47).

The theme of Peter's sermon is stated in verse 36. It is that Jesus is the Messiah. No message could have been more unwelcome to the Jews who had rejected Him, and crucified Him. Therefore, Peter does not announce his theme until he has covered every possible Jewish objection.

Pentecost is the reversal of Babel (confusion). The apostles now speak tongues before unknown. Every man heard the Gospel in his own tongue.

The British and Foreign Bible Society announced (December 1937) that because of their latest new translations of portions of the Word of God, it can now be said that the Scriptures have been published during the Christian era, in whole or in part, in more than one thousand languages!

Out of the twenty-three verses containing Luke's record of this sermon, eleven are taken up with quotations from the prophets and the Psalms. Peter seems to have been inspired by the Holy Spirit that he might see Jesus in all things written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms. The Spirit bears witness to the Word. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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flower State, typically of the prairie, has fostered reform movements which have exerted profound moral influences upon the Nation's life. There is a large group who hold to the vision that once again, out of Kansas, an indomitable force has risen to stay the hand of hidden conspirators who lust for revolution.

Making Interesting Discoveries

Kansas is first in patriotism; first in Christian heritage; and first in the hearts of her natives. It is a State of the noblest traditions whose sons are primarily of the soil, hearty and strong, and, in general, tenderly devoted to the profound Christian sentiment of their forebearers which, it is quickly pointed out, does not exist in some other communities.

The city of Wichita is a modern metropolis in every respect. The Chamber of Commerce advertises the population figures as slightly over the hundred thousand mark. It has grown up in a comparatively few years. There are yet old-timers who like to sit around and swap stories, about the days of Indians, cowboys and cyclones, when Wichita was nothing more than a trading-post.

Housed in a one-story brick building, located only a stone's throw from downtown Wichita, stands the Defenders offices. The building has a frontage of fifty feet on Douglas (the Broadway of this Kansas town) and runs backward the length of a half-block. Four spacious windows were decorated at the time of the writer's visit, with beautiful suggestions of the holiday season.

The Defender book store screens the inner offices at Headquarters. Shelf after shelf is literally crammed with priceless books — a citadel of information. Glancing over a few titles, the writer knew that here was material which the penknife of no higher critic, or revolutionary pink, had ever mutilated. Later, it was pointed out, this is the most extensive Christian literary supply center in the Southwest. Defenders lead in Gospel publishing, enjoying a large volume of mail-order business.

Crossing the threshold of the book store, a visitor walks down a narrow passage, the enclosure of which is made by the walls of two important offices. On the right at the end of the passage, one may enter the office of Dr. Winrod. At the left, through a swinging gate, is the office of M. L. Flowers, secretary to the Editor.

At the door of the latter, one experiences a revelation. Of more than ordinary interest, the writer is told, is the flood of correspondence received at the Headquarters addressed to "Mister" M. L. Flowers. And this is the revelation. Please be advised, it is incorrect to address M. L. Flowers as *Mister*. "Nuf said," without heaping further embarrassment upon many who may have had occasion to personally contact the Wichita office.

Tremendous Activity

We make a brief pause at Mrs. Flowers' desk. Only a few words are exchanged until the visitor is convinced, she is well qualified to discharge the responsibilities which devolve at her desk. Mrs. Flowers is a woman of profound Christian sentiment. Perhaps, her outstanding attribute is sincerity. Details do not escape her. Even minor and routine matters receive conscientious application.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers have stood loyally at Dr. Winrod's side for a decade. "Doc" is the title by which Mr. Flowers, a jolly, 225-pound, former football player, is affectionately known around the Headquarters. He has charge of the mailing and mimeographing divisions.

Dr. Winrod is away much of the time on speaking engagements, but the intricate machinery at Headquarters goes as smoothly as clockwork in his absence. During the many years that this work has been going, there have been two or three times, when the wrong kind of people have filtered into the organizational ranks, but they have been automatically weeded out as their true characters became known.

When operations are going full blast, with the visitor standing in the book-room, the blended noises of clicking typewriters, whirling mimeographs, addressographs, stencil cutters, etc., sound like a small size warfare. It is an orderly business office, but a young worker will sometimes flash by you, arm loaded with books and pamphlets, dashing from one department to the other. When a "rush" letter is being prepared, or magazines are mailed, every desk becomes an improvised "mailing department".

One thing I learned about Defenders Headquarters impressed me very much. Only Christians may find employment on the staff. There is not a "flapper", or a street-corner "sheik", on the payroll. One would have to go far to find a more reverent group of people. There is no foolishness at Headquarters. Every operation handled by every employee, synchronizes into a sermon of Christian service.

Dr. Winrod purposely cultivates that spirit around the office. He says: "These people are not working for me. They are doing definite Christian work, the same as though they were busy on foreign mission fields. I want them to always feel that they are in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Many a laugh has occurred among members of the staff, over an article written by a wild-eyed Communist propagandist, who was sent from a distant city a while back to interview Dr. Winrod. When the story later appeared in the *Daily Worker*, official organ of the Communist Party, it contained this caustic sentence: "Winrod has about fifteen unattractive women working in his office".

One member of the staff, commenting on this blurb, said half-jokingly: "If that Red ever comes back here we will snatch him bald-headed, if the boss will let us!"

I say she was *half*-joking. I gained the impression that she rather meant what she said!

The True Vision

Extending along the left wall from the Secretary's office, space has been subdivided into other offices. The first one is the book-order branch of the mailing department. Here the orders for books and Bibles are received, written up, filled from stock and delivered to the shipping department. Mrs. Lucille Downs, a Defender worker of more than three years, has charge of this work.

Near her is Miss Elsie Massow. Her duties include the posting of the Missionary ledger, the handling of routine correspondence with friends and supporters of Foreign Missions. Dr. Winrod watches this phase of the work as the "apple of his eye". His soul vibrates to the spiritual rhythm of world evangelization.

To this interviewer he remarked: "Melancholia is a dread disease. It turns the eyes inward so that one develops a morbid, self-centered attitude toward life. Our Lord intended that Christians should forever look outward upon a needy world. Hence His words *go ye*. Having heard this divine command here at General Headquarters, we have had the pleasure of seeing prosperous missionary interests develop in different parts of the world, including West Africa, the West Indies, Greece, Bulgaria, Cuba, the American Indians, Russian Border countries and other places on the map."

Dr. Winrod has found time to make three missionary tours to foreign lands during the last six years.

Next is the office of Miss Eloise Brown, an assistant secretary to Dr. Winrod. Her duties are varied but she must be ready at all times to "dig into the job of letter-writing" when he pushes the buzzer. Other stenographers on the staff also help with his dictation. When Dr. Winrod is in the city, he rarely writes less than one hundred letters a day. And, of course, tens of thousands of letters are handled each year, by others — communications of a routine nature which never reach his desk.

In the next enclosure is a battery of typewriters and machines. This section is officially known as the Subscription Department. Here, also, are the row upon row of metal files, Defenders mailing lists, which reach into so many tens of thousands of names, as to be breath-taking to the casual visitor. When a new subscription is received, the name is engraved on an addressograph plate and filed according to States.

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Extending along the right wall from Dr. Winrod's office is the shipping and mailing division. Mail and literature is wrapped, stamped and assorted into different mail bags. Each year, tons of it passes through this department.

Dr. Winrod's assistant editor, a young man and Christian journalist, Gerald S. Pope, has a quiet office on the west side of the plant. He helps in the preparation of copy, goes over scores of manuscripts a month, reads proof, builds dummy magazine pages, checks advertising copy and must consider himself reprimanded if the Paper is a day or two late getting on the press.

The floor space of the Headquarters is partitioned equidistant from the extreme walls. The foregoing operations are conducted on the left side of this partition. On the right is the Mimeographing and Tract departments. The mimeograph, the latest and best type, is kept running day and night. As previously stated, "Doc" Flowers has charge of this department.

The tract work is one of the oldest branches of the Defenders Movement. Between November 15 and December 1, 1938, it was necessary to print over 400,000 tracts to meet the demand.

There are 29 regular staff workers at the present time. To the visitor at Headquarters, these people are exceedingly courteous and friendly, and the writer must state, cold business methods are not substituted for Christian spirit. The atmosphere is permeated with the true Christian spirit, yet with the zeal and exhuberance of youth.

Interesting is the fact that a dozen different denominations are represented by the members of the staff. A Baptist may work along side a Methodist, a Presbyterian serves at the same desk with a Lutheran, etc. Each attends the church of his choice.

The Family

The Winrods are a contented family. "Dad" Winrod (Dr. Winrod's father) has a desk in the front office, and his actions indicate that he is justly proud of his son. Mother Winrod and Mrs. Gerald Winrod's mother frequently spend whole days at the office when there is special work to be done.

As the writer sat in Dr. Winrod's office, toward the close of the day, the door was heard to open behind him. In came beautiful little Geraldine, just out of school, rushing to her father's lap; there was a hug and kiss, a few artistic giggles, a whispered conversation and the child was gone again.

There are three children—Geraldine, Gordon and John. Mrs. Winrod is constantly at her husband's side, though she too has special interests in Christian service. At the present time, she is teaching three Bible classes a week.

The Winrods live in a modest home — a five-room bungalow, in a middle-class section of Wichita. Confidentially disclosed to the writer by an individual on the "inside" was the fact that the Winrod home is by no means free from debt.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Winrod could be a rich man had he hoarded his money or sought to commercialize his talents. His writing ability alone, if used in secular journalism, would bring fabulous sums.

From his lips, there came a chance remark during our interview. "I am rich in friendships and responsibilities," said he.

In the "Workshop"

Indubitably, the Defenders Headquarters is Big Business. It is a vital nerve center out from which vibrates a dynamic Gospel message. It is the same Old Story, but its presentation is new and unique. This is no where more strikingly illustrated, than in the official emblem or badge of the Movement.

Impressive, suggesting militant Christendom, this emblem is an art production symbolizing the Helmet of Salvation, standing out in bold relief, behind which are the Sword of the Spirit and the Cross of Christ; counterbalanced underneath is the Defenders' Scripture motto Jude 3 . . . "Contend for the Faith" . . . connected with a white scroll-ribbon on which is engraved the word, *Defenders*. The emblem has been reproduced in four languages — Greek, Spanish, Bulgarian, and English. It was designed by Dr. Winrod.

The climax to one's day at Defenders Headquarters is to invade the private office of Dr. Winrod. Perhaps "invade" is the wrong term because he is easily accessible. You open the door, and he looks up from his desk, which directly faces you. He extends a cordial welcome.

The office is not a spacious affair. Dr. Winrod calls it "my workshop". It could be appropriately known as "Winrod's den", for on the right wall, extending from the floor to the ceiling, are photographs of a few hundred of his intimate friends. Included are some pretty big names.

There are pictures of Defenders mission stations, also photographs taken on Dr. Winrod's travels abroad. The most striking to the writer was the picture he allowed to be taken in front of the door of historic Castle Church, Wittenberg, Germany — the famous door on which Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five Theses.

"Among All Nations"

Institutions are the shadows cast by great men. The program of the International Defenders Movement is in existence because God has raised up a man to do a distinctive work in a time of great crisis.

My interview, my visit to Headquarters, is completed. It has been a most enjoyable and enlightening experience.

The writer reached several definite observations. Contrary to rumors spread by Communist and radical sympathizers, Winrod is possessed of a tender, sympathetic nature, devoted to his Home, his Country, and his God. Those who surround him testify that he spends much time in prayer.

The consuming passion, the dominant ideal, the supreme desire of all Defenders, is that "The Gospel Must Be Published Among All Nations."

This story has been written by a Christian newspaper man, from the East, who visited the Defenders Headquarters and asked for the privilege of "writing up the place" according to his own idea and his own language.

"WATCHING"

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THROUGH LANDS OF THE BIBLE. By H. V. Morton. Published by Dodd, Mead & Company. Pages 440. Price $3.00.

MR. MORTON, a noted English scholar, is called "the greatest living travel writer".

Two of his late works are of special interest to the Christian reader — "In the Steps of the Master", and "In the Steps of St. Paul". The latter book shows that, pen in hand, the Author followed the steps of the great Apostle, on his missionary journeys as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. But the subject of our present review, "Through Lands of the Bible", is undoubtedly his greatest production.

Mr. Morton's adroitness at painting intriguing word-pictures adds vivid color to his descriptions of old monasteries and historical landmarks. In his own words: "If I have any method it is that of attempting to reconcile a landscape to its history. All old countries are fields where men have marched and counter-marched for centuries and the Past is always peering over the hedge."

This, his new book, is divided into ten chapters, each dealing with a city or land of Biblical history, and contains twenty-four illustrations and two drawings. The photographs were made by the Author.

Chapter One describes a journey to the Church of St. Simeon Stylites in Syria and to the ruined pilgrimage city of St. Serguis. He tells of his stay at Palmyra, where he remained a short time, enroute to the ancient city of Babylon.

Leaving Palmyra, Mr. Morton takes his reader on a journey across a vast desert to Bagdad, the city of magic and setting for the tales of the Arabian Nights. There he meets the Chaldean Christians. He visits the holy city of Kadhimain, sacred to the Moslem Shias, and under the shadows of nightfall, secrets himself in an unobserved hiding to witness the Shia flagellants pass through the streets of Bagdad.

The gruesome spectacle of men delving in an orgy of blood still haunting him, he leaves Bagdad and journeys to Babylon where he explores the ruins of Nebuchadnezzar's famous city. In this chapter, also, he tells of a visit to Ur of the Chaldees, where he walks the streets of the city in which Abraham was born. Crossing the desert again, he travels south through Syria and Palestine, and enters Egypt.

In Cairo, Mr. Morton describes his meeting with the descendants of the ancient Egyptians. He also visits their churches, and a nunnery, hears strange tales of legendary saints, and attends a Coptic wedding. "At Mataria", he writes, "where the Holy Family are said to have lived during the flight into Egypt, is a tree, a legend, and an obelisk."

Considerable time is spent in the land of the Pharaohs. Mr. Morton's reconnaissance tells of the grandeur that once belonged to Egypt. He describes his visit to the tomb of Tutankh-amun and the shining, gleaming gold in the corridor of this Pharaoh's sarcophagus. The Pyramids were the next subjects of study.

In Chapter Six, Mr. Morton sets out for the Oasis of Siwa in the Libyan Desert. At Mersa Matruh he writes of meeting with Greek sponge-fishers. Crossing the desert to the Oasis, he observes the remains of the temple of Jupiter Ammon; also he visits the Fountain of the Sun. The following two chapters describe other experiences in Egypt.

The most exciting pages, to the present reviewer, were the Author's trip to the Greek Monastery of Mount Sinai. In this part of his tome, Mr. Morton writes of his travels through the wilderness of the Exodus and the days spent with the monks in their lonely retreat. A remarkable full-page photograph of this secluded monastery accompanies the chapter. He describes the Church of the Transfiguration, the relics of St. Catherine of Alexandria, and his ascent up Mount Sinai.

Mr. Morton ends his wanderings in Rome, the city built on seven hills. There he visits the places associated with the Apostles and descends into the catacombs, the description of which is contained in the concluding chapter of "Through Lands of the Bible".

This is positively one of the most interesting, inspiring and informative volumes of its kind ever written.

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HEBREW CONTRASTS. By F. E. Cameron. Published by the Author. Pages 38. Price 30c.

THE writer emphasizes that there are both constructive and destructive elements in all human groups. This is said to be especially true with the Jewish people. The theme of the discussion is an effort to *contrast* the constructive and destructive elements of international Jewry.

We are told that there is superlative genius among the Jews. "Their great capacity for spiritual conception, comprehension, and execution is shown in Abraham, Moses, the Prophets, the Apostles, and Paul."

In contrast, however, it is pointed out, that this same genius is capable of being so perverted by Satan that his most diabolic schemes can be put into operation through them.

"That this powerful movement (destructive force) in the earth is more than merely human, there is abundant evidence. Investigation reveals amazing things; it is Godless and Satanic in the extreme. It is a brutal, vicious, deceptive, subtle paradox, proclaiming 'freedom' and practicing tyranny of the rankest sort, and having as its true aim the wiping out of Christianity and all civilization from the face of the earth. At the same time the leaders loudly profess to be working for 'peace and brotherhood'."

With respect to the "destructive element" in the Jewish race, the Author cites an outstanding illustration in the narrative of Korah and his co-conspirators, Abiram and On. (This is recorded in the 16th chapter of Numbers.)

Subsequent pages show that this contrast has existed down through the centuries. Page 21 discusses another group of conspirators: "It is noteworthy that the present manifestation of what the *Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion* disclose, had its inception in Germany (1848) by Jews, Marx and Engles, and was later brought to fruition by other Jews, Lenin and Trotzky. Communism came into power under them and continues in power to this day by Jews."

In contrast, the Author writes of the constructive element of the Jewish people. All Jews are not guilty! "The Jews back of this conspiracy are not the Israel to whom God's great promises of blessings are addressed."

But we learn that there is no such things as *racial salvation.* "Without spiritual regeneration no one (Jew or

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THE "UNITED FRONT" EXPOSED. By Dr. J. B. Matthews. Published by League for Constitutional Government. Pages 30. Price 15 cents.

THIS brochure is invaluable to Christian patriots who seek enlightment on *united front* tactics directed from Moscow.

It contains many hidden secrets regarding subversive movements, never before ferreted out. It removes the cloak of hypocrisy from a vast red network of supposedly "innocent" organizations which have penetrated the political, social, and religious life of America.

This statement, by a former leader in the Communist ranks of the United States, was written into the record of the Dies Investigating Committee.

For a number of years, Dr. Matthews maintained the highest "key" position in the *united front* movement in this part of the world. He was known in radical circles as a "fellow traveler". Such an individual is one, who for strategic reasons, does not actually belong to the Communist Party but who works feverishly for the ultimate aim of physical revolution.

He very aptly sums up the program of the *united front* movement on page 9 of his statement. He declares:

"I must strongly emphasize the fact that it is a deliberate tactic of the Communists and their sympathizers to point to the absence of a majority of Communists in a 'united front' organization or in a labor union as proof that it is not controlled by Communists. This is done only for deceiving the public, however. The actual Communist theory which is basic to its work, has always presupposed that it was unnecessary to have a majority of Communists in any organization or movement, in order to control it, or to influence it in a desired direction.

"The theory holds that the tail can and does, in fact, wag the dog when the tail consists of a group of highly disciplined Communists. The Communist Party itself has never aimed at becoming a majority party."

In Russia, only two per cent of the people are members of the Party.

A word about the writer: Dr. Matthews received an extensive education, having acquired degrees from Drew University, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University. He is a linguist of wide reputation. He has traveled extensively throughout the Orient — Japan, China, the Philippines, India, the Malay Peninsula, and many of the islands of the Malay Archipelago. There is not a country on the European continent to which he is a stranger. In 1925, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society. He has contributed scores of articles for magazines, including *Harpers* and *Atlantic* and is the author of several books.

Drifting into radical circles on idealistic grounds, he became affiliated with most of the leading organizations or associations which now constitute this left-wing group.

At the time of the formation of the "American League Against War and Fascism", Dr. Matthews became the first National Chairman and Earl Browder became vice-president. This *united front* organization later became known as the "American League for Peace and Democracy".

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CHRISTIANITY AND WAR. By Dr. J. A. Boord. Published by The Lutheran Literary Board. Pages 212. Price $1.50.

DR. BOORD, an eminent Lutheran Minister, makes an impassioned plea for a united stand on the part of Christians against war.

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This book is extremely pro-pacifist, denouncing vigorously the "war-profiteers", and sounds a challenge for nations to beat their swords into plowshares. Rather harsh in portions, yet the treatise possesses all the tenderness of divine love for the welfare of war-torn mankind.

In fairness to the learned Minister, we should state that the kind of pacifism advocated by him, does not harmonize with the sinister, deceptive propaganda of radicals, who have for years demanded that every nation, except Russia, should disarm.

Parenthetically, it must be said that there is constant danger of Dr. Boord's position being exploited by Red propagandists for revolutionary purposes. International schemers have succeeded, to a great extent, in perverting the ideals of religious groups that have always opposed taking up arms. They have wormed their way into such groups under the false plea of "peace" and "brotherhood of man" and have consequently debauched the original doctrines. Many Christians have fallen for this bait!

In this respect, significant are the words of Earl Browder who, when addressing the student body of the Union Theological Seminary, remarked: "YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT WE HAVE PREACHERS ACTIVE IN CHURCHES, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY."

"Christianity and War" is divided into seven parts. Its contents present a wide range of interesting topics, yet related by the general theme.

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ROMANS VERSE BY VERSE. By Dr. William R. Newell. Published by Grace Publications, Inc. Pages 577. Price $1.50.

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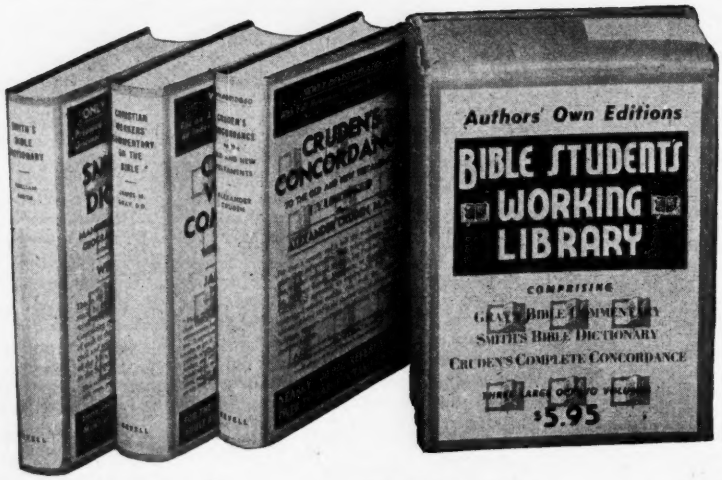

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